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General refused to act, what are

the rest of the people to do about it?"

"They might, in certain circumstances, take action themselves and that would be even more deplorable", Lord Justice Lawton added.

When Mr Saville said there could be a criminal procession.

could be a criminal prosecution of those responsible for criminal acts, Lord Justice Lawton pointed out that by tuen grave damage might have

The court had also been told by Mr Saville that a civil action for tort could not be brought an individual against a union because the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act, 1974, conferred immunity on unions. Later, Mr Saville said the law

was clear: "As part of the sovereign power, there resides not the criminal law can be enforced in the civil courts. Your lordships are suggesting that this power should be transferred from the Anorney General to the court. The court does not have the power to make that transfer. Parliament has it ". He reminded the court of

Lord Devlin's statement that "Britain has no more wish to be governed by judges than to be judged by administrators."

"We are not trying to govern anybody", Lord Justice Lawton retorted.

Earlier, in another exchange, after Mr Saville had explained the role of the Attorney General, as being a parental one (parens patriae) on behalf of the public, Lord Justice Law-ton said: "At some time the public grows up and comes of

Mr George Newman, acring for Mr Gouriet, who obtained an injunction against the unions on Saturday, said it was inconceivable that the Attorney General could properly have decided to refuse his consent to allow the case to go before the COUTT.

The hearing was adjourned until today. Silkin profile, page 2

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was eager to make to the House on the Poor added.

The Speaker said that traditionally matters before the until the proceedings were over. Then Mr Dennis Skinner, Labour MP for Bolsover, complained about the circular.

Mr Michael Ivans, Aims for Freedom's director, said in the document: "It is many hundreds of years since there has been such a blatant assault by a politician on the legal processes in this country. The fact that it has been offered by a weak and shillying minister does not make it less offensive." Mr Skinner asked the Speaker

to rule whether a possible breach of privilege was in-

censorship of press

Delhi, Jan 20.—The Indian Government tonight lifted cen-sorship on the domestic press and ordered a mass release of political detainees in moves to create a favourable atmosphere for the general election in March.

The announcements represent a further dismantling of the restrictions that Mrs Indira Gandhi, the Prime Minister, imposed together with a state of internal emergency in June,

When she called the election two days ago. Mrs Gandhi promised that the restrictions would be eased to allow opposition parties to put their views to the people, but the emer-gency itself will remain in

Moreover the Government retains substantial control over the press through its Preven-tion of Publication of Objec-tionable Matters Act, which came into force a year ago.

The governments of India's 22 states were "advised" to expedite the release of political detainees and to make no more arrests under the Maintenance of Internal Security Act with-Opposition politicians claim

of their party workers are in Earlier, Mr Morarji Desai, the veteran politician, who was re-leased from detention only two days ago, announced that India's main non-communist opposition

parties would form a united front to fight the election. The front will be called the Janata (people's) Party and will put forward common candidates and joint manifesto. Addressing a crowded press conference at his Delhi home oday, Mr Desai called on the Government to suspend the state of internal emergency until the election was over.

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The four parties that will enter the Janata Party, though not formally merged, are the Opposition Congress, the Hindu nationalist Jan Sangh, the Indian People's Party and the Socialist Party. All but the Socialists stand to the right of Socialists stand to the right of

Mrs Gandhi | President Carter makes his inaugural parade on foot lifts

From Fred Emery Washington, Jan 20

Mr Jimmy Carter, sworn in today as the thirty-ninth Presi-dent of the United States, immediately surprised and dehighted his countrymen by walk-ing hand in hand with his wife virtually the whole one-and-ahalf miles of his inaugural parade route.

Obviously intending this to be the start of the "people's presidency" he has proclaimed. Mr Carter abandoned the arranged drive in a protected limousine, and, grinning, strode along Pennsylvania Avenue in sunlir cold to the delighted cheers of the tens of thousands of people lining the route.

Nearing the end, the Carter's nine-year-old daughter Amy joined her mother and father in the promenade, which by that time was led by virtually the whole of Mr Carter's relatives. Commenting on live television broadcasts, American reporters expostulated in amazement. Yet Mr Carter was merely imple-menting an inaugural speech pledge to stay close to you.

After the parade President Carter dismissed speculation that the walk had been imprompte. He had, he said informed the secret service of his intentions three weeks ago. In fact security had been tight, with all windows overhooking the route closed by order.

In his inaugural speech Mr

Carter urged Americans and their friends abroad to be maturely aware of human limits, but none the less to be bold enough to join in his "new beginning". He would try to shape "a just and peaceful shape "a just and peaceful world that is truly humane". The 52-year-old peanut grower

from rural Georgia, who only a year ago was best known as "Jimmy who?" sounded the main themes of his victorious election campaign—a promise of compassion and compe-

tence in government.
But his message was soberly restrained, as if seeking deliberate contrast with the exuberant promises to the world of John Kennedy's inaugural 16 years ago.

Mr Carter declared: "We have learned that 'more' is not necessarily 'better', that even our great nation has its recog-nized limits, and that we can neither answer all questions nor solve all problems. We cannot afford to do everything, nor can we afford to lack boldness as we meet the future. So together,



President Carter and his wife, Rosalynn, walking hand in hand down Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, after he had taken the oath of office.

in a spirit of individual sacrifice for the common good we must simply do our best."

There was a cheer at this from the huge crowd, over 100,000 strong, thronging the Capitol grounds to glimpse the simple, dignified ceremony of power. quarret exchanging roles at noon-Mr Carter, Mr Ford, Mr Mondale and Mr Rockefellerstood without overcoats and bats in the keen wind knifing

through the brilliant sunshine. For his promenade, however, Mr Carter put on an overcost. The first big cheer came at different, passage, and emanated from a youngish group of people at the rear of the huge crowd. The invited

guests of the political establishment did not seem to catch on to what was taken—at least by those cheering-to be an anti-Mr Carter declared : "We are for, we know that if we despise

a strong nation and we will maintain strength so sufficient combat—a quiet strength (cheers) based not merely on the size of an arsenal but on the nobility of ideals."

Mr Carter also called for renewed faith in government. Let our recent mistakes bring a resurgent commitment to the basic principles of our nation,

no future. . . . abroad: "To be true to ourselves we must be true to others. We will not behave in foreign places so as to violate our rules and standards here at home, for we know that the trust which our nation earns is

essential to our strength."

And there followed another pledge. "Because we are free we can never be indifferent to the fate of freedom elsewhere. Our moral sense dictates a clearcut preference for those socie-ties which share with us an abiding respect for individual human rights. We do not seek to intimidate but it is clear that a world which others can dominate with impunity would be inhospitable to decency and a threat to the well-being of all

That passage, perhaps better than any other, measures the distance between a guarded Mr Carter and a Herculean Kennedy, ready to "bear any burden, pay any price".

Mr Carter's opening words bad been for the by-now former President Gerald Ford, who stood at his side, clearly moved.

stood at his side, clearly moved. "I want to thank my predeces-sor for all he has done to heal our land", he said, and affec-

our land, he said, and affectionate applause welled up
President Carter took the
unusual step of broadcasting a
message to the outside world
on the day of his inauguration. He said that he wished to assure everyone that "the relarions of the United States with the other countries and peoples of the world will be guided by our desire to shape a world order that is more responsive to human aspirations"

America, he went on, had connation's history"—presumably meaning Vietnam as much as anything else—and that Americans had therefore acquired a more mature perspective on the problems of the world, recognizing that America does not have all the solutions.

demonstration of the import-ance the new President gives to foreign affairs.
Moscow, Jan 20.—President

Podgorny today sent Mr Carter a message expressing "confidence that it will be possible to achieve further considerable progress in the relations between the two countries by Text of speeches, page 8

Communists behind riots, Cairo says

From Robert Fisk

began arresting leading mem-

began arresting leading members of the small but illegal Egyptian Communist Party.

Even before the riots ended sarly this morning Government officials and ministers had been claiming that communist agents " had engineered the demonstrations against the increase in food prices. Tonight Mr Sayed Fahmi, the Interior Minister, announced through the official Middle East news agency that the authorities had uncovered "a plot to burn

One of those taken from his home by the police was the Communist chairman in the Cairo suburb of Saida Zeimab near the American University. All day today paratroops in steel belimets and carrying automatic rifles stood on street corners in the centre of Cairo while early arrivals at the central railway station were able to watch six large Russian-built tanks manoenvring into posi-rion near the 3,000-vear-old statue of the Pharaoh Rameses I in Rameses Square.

The civil police, who are normally unarmed, carried sub-

machine guns roday.

The semi-official newspaper
Al Ahram said this morning
that 43 people had been killed
and 600 injured in Cairo alone
in the last 48 hours. A journey round the city today suggested breach of privilege was in that the damage caused by the volved.

Parliamentary report, page 9 lions of pounds.

Two police stations have Cairo, Jan 20

In the aftermath of two days of anarchy in Cairo, Alexandria, and trams lie wrecked in the of anarchy in Cairo, Alexandria, main streets. Scores of shops have been burnt and looted cities, plain clothes police today while the wide road to the Pyramids through Giza is lined with the ruins of last night's At least 600 people were

arrested in Cairo during the demonstrations yesterday, which only ended when President Sadat revoked the food increases that had started them. Many more people are believed to have been detained during the fighting in Alexandria.

There were riots in Aswan, Kena and at Menia where a new textile factory was badly damaged. Every railway line between Cairo and Alexandria, Suez and the south was torn up in the suburbs of the capital.

Alexady aware of the econo-Already aware of the econo-

mic consequences of revoking the price increases—officially they have been "suspended" until the People's Assembly debates the matter—the Egyptian Parliament's budget and planning committee met today to discuss the new threat to the

economy.

It immediately made an appeal for aid to the International Monetary Fund and asked the Arab oil countries, the United States and European powers for financial help. Many shops in Cairo reopened this afternoon and some buses

began operating again out of the city. The Government au nounced that the curfew, which vesterday started at 4 pm would died.

Greater M confirmed confirmed Nostalgia for Nasser, page 7 had died.

Seven die in garment works fire

From John Chartres

Seven people, all believed to time in a garment workshop, died last night when fire swept through a Victorian building in the Manchester city centre. An eighth victim was said to be seriously ill.

All were believed to have been working in a machinists' shop at the top of Murray House, a three-storey building The property was let to several

The victims, most of them already dead, were dragged from the smoke-filled top storey workshop by firemen. The alarm was given by Mr Shakir Hussein who works Hussain, who works at the Khayam restaurant near by, at about 6.50° pm. One woman seen hanging from a window on the top floor was brought down Mr Raymond Leather, a divi-sional officer with the Greater Manchester fire service, said the fire was fierce and producing a great deal of smoke. Fire men continued searching until late last night, although a senior officer was fairly certain that all thhe occupants had been found on the top floor. Two of the 70 firemen involved were taken to hospital with injuries. He added: "All the building has been damaged. We have no

idea at this stage how the fire The fire service said five women seemed to be dead when they were brought out.

Greater Manchester police later confirmed that seven people

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By Our Political Staff Two parliamentary private secretaries, Mr Jeffrey Rooker

Mr Rooker was PPS to the Government Law Officers, and Mr Dean to the Civil Service ministers. They were among 16 Labour backbenchers who supported an Opposition amendment to exclude Orkney and Shallend Government 15 years of my Shetland from the Scotland and

Wales Bill. Mr Callaghan gave an instruction last week that parliament-ary private secretaries should support the Government at all

Cabinet criticized: Mr Rooker last night released the text of a speech he is to deliver today at Aston University in which he criticizes the Government's "failure to activate fully the Health and Safety at Work Act.

Communists criticize Czech action By a Staff Reporter The political committee of the British Communist Party

spoke out strongly yesterday against the Czechoslovak authorities' moves to destroy the emergent human rights campaign.
"Charter 77", the civil rights

manifesto signed by 242 pro-testers, including a number of intellectuals, opened the cam-paign and led to repressive action by the Prague authori-ties against some of the signatories.
The British Communist
Party's political committee re-

called that the official news-paper of the Czechoslovak Communist Party alleged this month that "Charter 77" was anti-people and demagogic pam-phlet which grossly and falsely slanders the Czechoslovak republic and that its authors spoke from cosmopolitan positions and reject socialism as a social system". The British committee's state-

ment, published in today's Nowhere in the course of a 3,000-word article are these allegations backed by a single quotation from the document." It added that defamatory labels were attached to supporters. "It is impossible not to be alarmed at the use of such methods and language which have long since been discredited in the communist

The Times'

movement,

argues that more information should be made available about the activities of the National Enterprise Board The Times apologizes for the loss of 21,000 copies of yesterday's issue. This loss was a Business Diary: The peer who could be giving 12,000 autographs this year result of continuing unofficial action by the Sogat publishing staff.

The dispute has been referred by The Times to the Newspaper Publishers' Association and the Union so that it can be sertled through the agreed disputes

Two 'rebel' PPSs are dismissed century have never worked on

Secretaries, Mr Jeffrey Rooker.

(Birmingham, Perry Barr) and Mr Joseph Dean (Leeds, West)
lost their posts yesterday for voting against the Government in the devolution debate the in the devolution debate the meek ", be says in the speech.

The had criticized the Government because it had not "The most damning indict-

"Having spent 15 years of my working life in manufacturing industry, both on the shop floor and production management in various factories, I take a less charitable view of the delay than some of my colleagues.

"The plain fact is that the majority of the Cabinet do not

care a tinker's cuss about the issue. Not because they are vindictive in any way, but because they know nothing about the problem at first hand.

"The majority of members of

ment that can be made against the Cabinet for the delay is that we can be certain that, if there were a major industrial catastrophe today in which the

normal weekly death toll of 30 occurred at one time, in one place, then ministers would come scurrying to the Com-mons armed with a statement of regret and announce the immediate introduction of the

regulations.

"Such cynical contempt on my part is shared by several colleagues, and we shall be considering our position as to how to use the only real weapon we have, our vote, to bring about

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the French Premier, has idenmed the decision by M rac, head of the rejuvenated ty, to seek election to the yor of Paris. President staing had already put up / Minister for the post. M that the Chirac decision the ruling coalition and ince's economic recovery Page 6

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I, the British envoy, bas nere will be a "grave" Rhodesia if his peace e rejected in Salisbury by the Prime Minister, who is d to try to reach agreement ite nationalists. Meanwhile, e reported to have launched napping drive Page 6

ons clash

Edward Heath, the former e leader, was making a for direct elections to the arliament, M Michel Debre, Gaullist Prime Minister, te idea as "ill-conceived and and an intolerabe artack independence

arre attacks Catholic challenge to school apartheid

White Roman Catholic schools have opened their doors to black and Coloured children, defying South Africa's apartheid policy. The integration move is in line with the decision of the South African Bishops' Conference to open Catholic schools to all races. It is the first church to take this sten.

Planning law fines
Heavier fines for those who break the
planning regulations are likely, the
Department of the Environment says. It wants the maximum fine increased from £400 to £1,000 and intends to widen the application of stop notices
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Equity bans actress.

Equity's decision yesterday to oppose the appearance of Donna McKechnie, the American actress, in A Chorus Line at Drury Lane means that the show is likely to close temporarily on Monday, its producer said

Lever, Willis cleared The Cricket Council cleared John Lever

and Bob Willis of all allegations of un-

fair play during the third Test match against India at Madras. The council was satisfied that the use of gauze

strips by these fast bowlers was solely

to prevent sweat getting into their eyes

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Baader-Meinhof judge dismissed

After allegations against him of prejudice, the presiding judge in the Baader-Meinhof terrorism trial in Stuttgart has been discharged by his eight colleagues. Since the trial opened in May, 1975, there had been 85 motions against him, all alleging bias

Government retreat

The Government is backing down from its intention to stop more than 10,000 students registering as unemployed during the Christmas and Easter vacations. The move comes after strong pressure from the National Union of Students and Conservative, Liberal and Page 2

TUC and Tories: Members of the TUC General Council are likely to criticize union leaders who entered discussions with shadow ministers Ministry criticized: A Home Office ban on an immigrant advice service was

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Richard Ellis

Public money unlikely | Bigger fines for devolution referendum campaigns

By David Leigh
Political Staff
The Government is unlikely to give public money to campaigning organizations when it announces next month detailed plans for referendums on devo-lution. In the EEC referendum

£250,000 was given. Several ticklish tactical diffi-Several ticklish tactical ditti-culties confront ministers at present. They have to decide whether any means can be found to give expatriate Scots and Welsb a vote; it is unlikely that minds will be changed about the exclusion of England as such from a referendum.
Ministers also have to decide

Ministers also have to decide whether to offer a second question on the referendum ballot paper about separatism or further devolution.

Scottish National Party officials now think the prospect unlikely. Mr Stephen Maxwell, the party's information officer.

party's information officer, writes in the latest issue of the Scottish political magazine Q: "A referendum on independence might be seized on by younger Scots at least as an opportunity of casting the ultimate protest vote."

The Labour Party will notice that the SNP will be forced to campaign in favour of devolution itself if they cannot urge their members to vote for separation: "The requisite separation: "The requisite nationalist efforts on behalf of devolution will be forthcoming if independence is excluded as an option", Mr Maxwell says.

Plaid Cymru presented its

own proposals yesterday to the Minister of State concerned Minister of State concerned a whole", Mr Jeffrey Rooker, with devolution, Mr Smith. It MP for Birmingham Perry Barr, wants two questions, one on said yesterday.

By Peter Godfrey
Fleet Street will witness the
unusual spectacle of a national

newspaper printing at least half

a million extra copies on Mon-day, when Beaverbrook News-

papers stakes its history and its future on the success of a new tabloid Daily Express. It in-

herits a circulation of 2,600,000.

Heralded by a characteristic-ally extravagant television ad-

end (cost £300,000), the smaller size paper will set out to stem

a decline in circulation, which until recently was running at a potentially fatal 12 per cent annually. It will also shake off the leash of its old buildog

image to pursue a more sensi-

tive commitment to modern issues and their solution.

The editorial policy of the new Express is designed specifically asserted.

fically to attract younger readers. "For the newspaper's

commercial future, its bias needs to be towards the young", Mr Roy Wright, the editor, said. "People still assoc-ciate it with Britain's position

and a further "consultative", question: "Do you also believe the present Act should have gone considerably further in granting Wales full national status?" status?

The party wants a count by constituencies. That method, or a count by local authority regions, is likely to be acceptable to ministers, who do not intend to suggest that Scottish and Welsh totals alone should be made available.

No decisions have yet been taken, and the Parliamentary Labour Party is to meet on Tuesday Meanwhile Conservatives are

trying to reshape their Scottish Front Bench, riven by devolution disputes and resignations. Unofficial soundings are being made with a view to putring one of the devolutionist rebels. Mr Alex Fletcher, on the front bench as deputy to Mr Edward Taylor, the fierce anti-devolu-

At the same time, frontbenchers are contemplating the promotion of Mr lan Sproat who is strongly against devolution.

Information clause : A group of Labour MPs have tabled amend-ments to the devolution Bill, trying to write into the consti-tution of the proposed Scottish and Welsh assemblies an "open information" clause.

"We see the proposal as being the foot in the door of more open government in the UK as

Three versions of the crusader: the previous symbol of the Daily Express, in chains

Tabloid 'Express' will aim for the young

within the Empire 30 years ago, but it must now concern itself

with causes somewhat more

relevant than Empire free

He acknowledges that some

file acknowledges that some dishard Express readers may fall by the wayside. The retention of the newspaper's front page crusader symbol, which long ago received its come property for the prope

uppance from Private Eye, is

a concession to its tradi-tionalist spirit, although his sword will be brandished in

"It would be disastrous

"It would be disastrous if the paper suddenly turned all trendy", Mr Wright said, tak-ing an indirect snipe at the Daily Mail, "but it will seek to mirror the aspirations and be conscious of the daily problems of the growing class of skilled industrial workers in this country."

country."

Competition for "middle competition for "middle with the

ground " readership with the Daily Mail, which boasts a rising circulation of 1,800,000, will intensify. "If either paper becomes enormously successful,

(left); the present design (centre); and as seen by Private Eye (right).

new directions.

This week The Times Higher Education

Supplement presents the second in a series of

science and their social implications; the series is published quarterly in collaboration with

This week's articles include: Professor

To anyone concerned about the role and

Sir Hermann Bondi on the social responsibilities

of the defence scientist; Sir Alistair Pilkington on the development of the float-glass principle;

Dr B. J. Mason and Professor Hubert Lamb on

responsibilities of the contemporary scientist,

this feature makes vitally important reading.

8-page features covering developments in

the British Association.

Don't miss it-in this week's

climatic changes.

likely for breaches of planning law

Planning Reporter

The Government is preparing to take stronger measures to prevent or penalize the abuse of planning regulations. In a consideratial memorandum to local authority associations the Department of the Environment says it believes that better enforcement will save time and manpower and greatly reduce the number of appeals. With agreement from the Home Office, the department wants to increase the maximum fine for offences from £400 to £1,000. It also wants to extend the application of stop notices to cover all breaches of plan-ning control instead of, as at present, only certain engineer-ing and building works and the use of land for tipping. Wider powers to employ stop notices are also contained in a private member's Bill which Mr Dudley Smith, Conservative MP for Warwick and Learnington, hopes to introduce next Monday. The Department of the Environment said yesterday that it was supporting Mr Smith's Bill.

Among the offences most commonly mentioned are the use of waste land for unuse of waste land for un-licensed commercial purposes, such as Sunday markets and secondhand car sites, and the burning of refuse. The present enforcement procedure takes at least 28 days

The need for stricter enforcement.

The need for stricter enforce ment was emphasized by Mr George Dobry, QC, in his report on development control published in February, 1975.

there may well be no room for the other one", Mr Wright said. His view is perhaps shared by Mr David English, editor of the Mail, who said: "We will

just go on producing a better

paper."
Despite the Mail's implacable

response, a space of promo-tional activity suggests that it is taking the Express's new challenge seriously. (Beaver-brook's Evening Standard is already locked in combar with

the Evening News, the Mail's

feature serializations of new books, beginning with another biography of Howard Hughes, and will carry regular four-page supplements on family finance and entertainment. A

series for younger readers entitled "Living Together" is

seen as symptomatic of the paper's new approach by Mr Charles Wintour, its managing

director.

"We will not hold back in dealing with the emotional and sexual problems of the young"

The tabloid Express will

Man in the news: The Attorney General

When Mr Silkin wanted to reduce privileges

By Our Political Correspondent Steady nerves when under fire and the ability to lay down an effective counter-barrage are attributes one would expect in a man who rose from the ranks in the Royal Artil-lery to become a lieutenant-colonel on the headquarters staff of XII Corps during the stair of All Corps during the invasion of France. Mr Samuel Silkin, QC, who made that transition, has had good need of those qualities during his period of office as Attorney General since March, 1974.

General since March, 1974.

From the beginning he was the target of both "big guns" and "snipers" from the right and left of the political front.

Even his decision, with Mr Archer, QC, the Solicitor General, to decline the traditional buildthead that we with their eral, to decline the traditional knighthood that go with their legal offices, was criticized on the ground that it detracted from their dignity and legal standing. With his usual thoroughness, Mr Silkin got an assurance from Mr Harold Wilson before he accepted the office that a knighthood was "not a condition for the job". Some would say that Mr Sil.

anor a condition for the job.

Some would say that Mr Silkin, aged 58, has a dry and colourless personality, but he is an adroit lawyer. It must be a consolation to him now, when he is seeking to defend his discretion to act in the his discretion to act in the public interest and to defend the supremacy of Parliament, that he has the tacit support of several leading legal figures on the opposition side of the

House. Sam Silkin has not the quick smile and repartee of his

brother, John, Minister of Agriculture and former Labour chief whip, but he has a quiet humour which occasionally surfaces, for example when he talks of army days when he was trained as an electrician in the Royal Artillery, gaining an extra ninepence a day, and was let loose with disastrous effect on vehicles at Palace Barracks, Holywood, in Northern Ireland.

The two brothers, whose grandparents emigrated from Lithuania to Hackney in 1899, are poles apart politically. John has always been on the left and was a member of the Tribune group. Sam can more appropriately be placed with the moderate Manifesto Group, and is a firm pro-European. Indeed, but for a handful of votes, he might have been elected secretary-general of the Council of Europe in 1969 and embarked on a European

His ability to fight back, now being demonstrated in the Court of Appeal, was seen in the various disputes that led to calls for his resignation. Mrs
Thatcher, Leader of the Opposition, accused him of
encouraging law-breaking when
his part in the Clay Cross
legislation came under scrumr Silkin has also been

accused of giving the Govern-ment bad advice in the legal battles over Tameside grammar schools, the Laker Skytrain action, the Crossman Diaries, and some aspects of the Poul-Perhaps the Clay Cross



Mr Samuel Silkin : An ability

affair put him in the most awkward position. He had given advice to the Labour Party when out of office that an Act to indemnify council-lors who had refused to carry out the law over council house rents would "contravene all constitutional practice and set a dangerous precedent".

Later, when Labour cam to power, he was accused of supporting a Bill that, while it did not remove the penalties already imposed on the Clay Cross councillors, barred the imposition of further sur-charges and removed the disqualification penalty. On the Crossman Diaries he was bluntly accused of attempting to suppress press freedom.

Although he is now 1964.

for a service mey could obtain

However, Sir Idwal says:

"The evidence which was held

to justify such a serious step was not fully established and

to decide that it could no longer distinguish between him and

other paid agents or intermedi-aries in the immigrant field.

defending Parliament's powers in the Court of Appeal, Mr Silkin led the campaign for a reduction in MPs' privileges. He was chairman of the Select Committee on Parliamentary Privilege, which recommended in 1968 that MPs who alleged that they were wronged by statements about them should take action through the courts and not rely on the punitive powers of Parliament. The report, much of it drafted by Mr Silkin, has been pigeonholed by successive govern-

ments.
Mr Silkin, educated at Dulwich College and Trinity Hall, Cambridge, where he obtained a double first in law, took his Bar examination while waiting to be called up in the Army. to be called up in the Army. He obtained a commission in 1941 and later became a staff officer. In units of XII Corps in France he met Major Jo Grimond, "who always sent his returns in late", and Major John Foot (Now Lord Foot). He advanced with the Army to the strength of the Army to the sent afterwards. Hamburg, and soon afterwards was sent to the Far East, where he served in Ceylon and

Singapore. He joined the Labour Party in 1946 and was for six years a member of Camberwell coun-cil, part of the time as chairman of the planning commit-

took silk in 1963. He was Recorder of Bedford from 1966 to 1971. Mr Silkin has been MP for

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By Tim Devlin

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Criticism of TUC-Tory talks likely

By Paul Routledge abour Editor

Secret talks held earlier this week between Tory shadow ministers and top trade union leaders face strong political criticism at next week's meeting of the TUC General

The opposition will not come solely from left-wingers. Moderates representing industrial unions which ran into serious conflict with the last Conservative government are incensed that the TUC leadership should have undertaken highly sensitive discussions with the Tories while the Labour Party is failing politically.

The chief objection is that the TUC General Council has not been consulted on the form, content, or standing of the discussions initiated on Monday by the Tory Shadow, Cabinet and the TUC's team on the National Economic Develop-ment Council ment Conncil.

The political initiative is not expected to be repudiated outright but serious criticism is almost certain. The handful of left-wing members on the general council are strongly to attack the move towards rapprochement between the TUC and the Tory leader-ship during Labour's struggles

Soldier on death charge Corporal Stephen Martin Wadge, aged 23, stationed at

Ballykelly, near Londonderry, was remanded in military costody until March 22 in Londonderry yesterday charged with unlawfully killing Robert James Gallagher, aged 40, of Ballykelly, on Wadnesday.

Ombudsman criticizes minister

by right without charge.

By Martin Huckerby

A Minister of State at the Home Office took basty and ill-judged action in banning the activities of a man running an immigrant advice centre for Cypriots, Sir Idwal Pugh, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration (Ombudsman), says in his quarterly report, published yesterday.

Although he was not named in the report, the minister at the time handling immigrant affairs was Mr Alexander Lyon, Labour MP for York, who lost his post after Mr Callaghan took over as Prime

Sir Idwaw says he has no doubt that the minister's instruction, in August, 1975, that the Home Office should withdraw all facilities from the complainant was made from a desire to protect immigrants from exploitation. The minister believed that the complainant had taken money from Cypriots

The complainant told the Ombudsman that the ban had been imposed in order to put him out of business, and that the minister had taken upon himself to deprive a British citizen of his livelihood. Personal feelings had been translated into an arbitrary use of

the intention was expressed investigation into the Home Office's handling of the case of a youth and two boys con-victed of offences connected without full consideration of the problems it might create the Home Office and for the immigrants themselves." He with the murder of Maxwell says that later developments Confait, a young homosexual prostitute who was found strangled after a fire at his forced the Home Office first to modify its policy towards the complainant and eventually

with the Home Office.

strangled after a tire at his house in Lewisham,
The case was eventually referred to the Court of Appeal and the convictions quashed.
An official inquiry ordered by Mr Roy Jenkins, then Home Secretary, is expected to report shortly.

Sir Idwal concludes that the

Home Office handled the case as well as the circumstances allowed. First Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, 1976-77 (Stationery Office, £4).

Permission given IRA bombs damage rebuilt for legal action Belfast department store over demolition

By Robert Parker The Attorney General yester-

day gave his consent for court proceedings to be taken against London, which on Wednesday began demolishing 49 houses in St Agnes Place, Kennington. The council and a contractor

were stopped from further demolition by the issuing of a High Court injunction. By that time 10 of the houses had been destroyed, and others damaged.

The Attorney General has been involved because of the unclear legal standing of three ratepayers who want to ask the High Court to decide whether the council's plans for demolition are unlawful.

His consent was granted on condition that £500 costs are guaranteed for each of the three ratepayers, and that the matter is reviewed on Tuesday, when the injunction expires. Lambeth council's plans to demolish St Agnes Place were-approved last July and reaf-firmed earlier this month. But since then an architect's report has said that the houses could be rehabilitated, and 27 of the 48 members of the Labour-controlled council want the

demolition plans reconsidered.
The chairman of the local
neighbourhood council together
with the chairmen of two others, wrote to the council yesterday, advocating rehabilitation of the houses.

Leading article, page 15

MP asks why plutonium is sent by road

By Our Science Editor . The Government has been

Mr Peter Rost, Conservative MP for Derbyshire, South-east, has raised the question with Mr Wedgwood Benn, Secretary of State for Energy Plutonium nitrate has been produced in small quantities at Dounreav in the reprocessing of nuclear fuel from experimental fast-

contains a mixture of uranium plutonium and fission products. After separation plutonium is returned to Windscale to be refabricated into new fuel elements for the fast-breeder.

Britain abroad

Provisional IRA bombs badly and scum". damaged Belfast's new Co-op. A Staff Reporter writes: A complaint about prison officers in Northern Action of the complaint about prison officers in Northern about prison officers in Northern Ireland, made by

From Christopher Walker Belfest

a week before a big reopening scheduled to follow its rebuilding after an IRA attack five years ago.

The 270,000 sq ft building housing the largest British de-pertment store outside London was handed over by the con-tractors earlier this week.

Damage estimated at £10m
was caused in the attack in May, 1972. Yesterday's three explo-sions and fire damaged the structure and stock. Unofficial estimates put the cost at a

further £1m. A caller to the BBC claimed responsibility for the attack on behalf of the Provisional IRA. He said it had been mounted in retaliation to a speech earlier this week by Mr Gordon Smyth, newly elected president of the Belfast Chamber of Trade, who called for a new British initia-

tive against the terrorists, whom he described as "rats

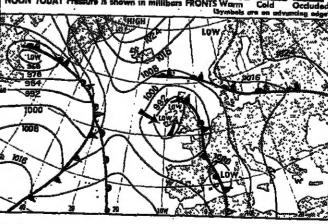
relatives of members of the Provisional IRA, has been found to be justified by Sir Idwal Pugh, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration (Ombudsman).

In his quarterly report, pub-lished yesterday, he said several women had complained that prison officers had refused to allow them to visit their relatives, who were Provisional IRA prisoners at the Maze prison, Long Kesh.

Re said the women had a justified complaint, but he pointed out that the action by the officers in withholding the special privileges from the prisoners had been made in the face of grave provocation: the Provisional IRA had threatened the lives of Northern Ireland prison officers, and one officer had later been murdered.

NOON TODAY

Weather forecast and recordings



:A deep complex depression over Ireland will be slow moving. An associated frontal trough will move slowly NE across the British Isles. Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:

London, SE, E England, East Anglia: Mostly cloudy with out-breaks of rain; wind SE, fresh, becoming S, light; max temp 6°C

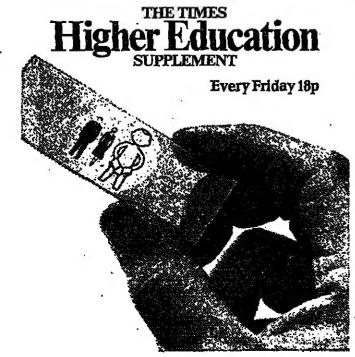
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London: Temp: max, 6 at pm, 7°C (45°F); min, 6 pt am, 4°C (39°F). Humidity. 82 per cent. Rain, 24 hr to nil. Sun, 24 hr to 6 pm, 4 Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, millibars, falling. 1,000 millibars = 29.53 in.



Setback for 'Chorus Line' as Equity bans American

The management of A Chorus Line, the American musical at

the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, is expected to announce today that the show will close on Monday to allow time for a British actress to prepare for one of the leading parts.

mum of a month after the dis-missal of Elizabeth Seal, who is British.

Mr White had earlier dis-Mr White had earlier discussed what would happen if Equity decided to oppose Miss McKechnie's appointment. "It leaves us one working day and the weekend", he said, "and we cannot open on Monday." Although the show has been successful it has still not recovered its £300,000 production costs; that would take another three months. Mr

Mr Michael White, the producer, said last night that he was stunned by the decision yesterday of the council of Equity, the actors union, to oppose "with all its power" the granting of permission for Donna McKechnie, the Ameri-can actress, to fill the part of Cassie temporarily when the British cast takes over from the American, which has played to packed houses for six months. The decision reversed an earlier one by the union's executive to allow Miss Mc-Kechnie to appear for a maxi-

£26,000 is left to

Second Coming

Mr Ernest Digweed, a retired

Mr Ernest Digweed, a retired teacher, who died last year at the age of \$1, left his estate of £26,107 net in rrust to be paid to "the Lord Jesus Christ" in the event of a Second Coming. The will says the whole estate should be invested for 80 years. "If during those 30 years the Lord Jesus Christ shall come to reign on Earth, then the Public Trustee, upon obtaining proof which shall satisfy them of his identity, shall pay to the Lord Jesus Christ all the property which they hold on his behalf."

Mr Digweed, who lived in a

Mr Digweed, who lived in a small terrace house in Samuel Road, Portsmouth, had no

The accumulated interest on the £26,107 is to go to the Crown after 21 years. Mr Dig-weed's will states that if Christ

has not appeared within 80 years the whole of the estate shall go to the Crown.

known relatives.

Jesus for

as a producer would be uncer-tain. "If the show does not go on next week I cannot see how one can go on presenting plays, because there is an awful lot of money at stake here." Solicitor jailed

for theft

another three months. Mr White, who had said earlier in

the week that the show might have to close for a fortnight, said: "An empty dark theatre is very hard to recover from." He also said that his future

of £121,000

and those pleas were accepted,
While a partner in a Bristol
firm, Mr Atchley, became involved in an insurante-linked
scheme to finance house pur-

scheme to finance house purchase deposits, the committee was told.

"It was really a form of moneylending", Mr Charles Fletcher-Cooke, QC, for the prosecution said. The Law Society disapproved of such schemes.

David Atchley, a solicitor, was jailed for three years by Bristol Crown Court yesterday after pleading guilty to seven charges of theft and deception involving a total of £121,000.

Mr Atchley, aged 47, of Portbury, near Bristol, pleaded not guilty to 14 similar charges, and those pleas were accepted.

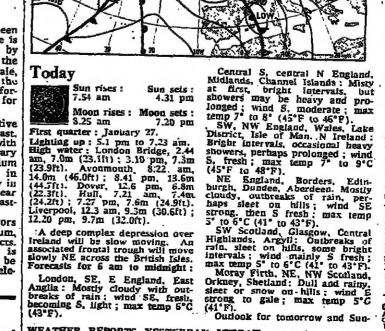
Mr Atchley left the firm and began business on his own. The police were called in, and found him in a Manchester hospital suffering from an overdose of

The Government has been asked why plutonum nitrate is allowed to b: transferred by road from Dounreay in the north of Scotland to Windscale, Cumbria, when transport of the same nuclear material is forbidden in the United States for reasons of safety.

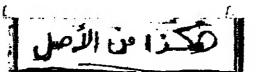
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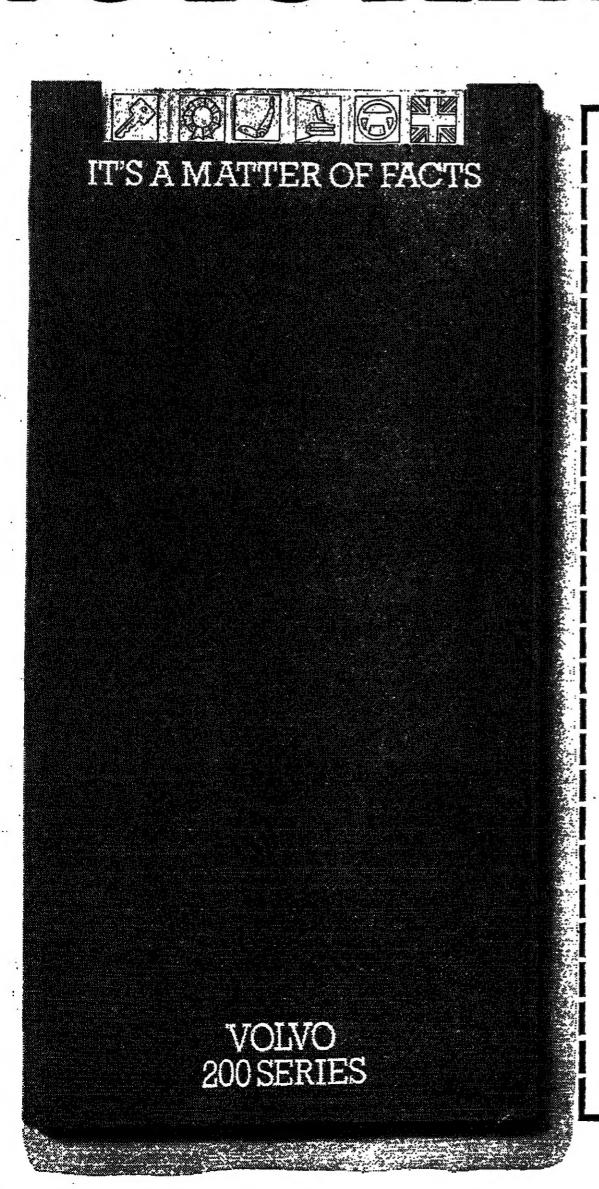
Sue Reid describes the work of the British Council in Spain in the first of a two-part special report on the council, in The Times Higher Education Supplement today; David Dickson talks to Barry Commoner, and Brian Petrie reviews an important new study of Vorticism.



WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain : s, sun ; sn, snow.



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By Hugh Clayton

Emergency action to safe-quard British food supplies was decided yesterday in the face of damaging inroads by pro-ducers in other EEC states. Mr Silkin, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, announced a subsidy worth £Im a week for pig producers and an im-minent ban on fishing of herring in the North Sea.

He was worried about the effect on the British pig industry of cheap supplies from Denmark, Holland and West Germany. He was also alarmed about overfishing near Britain by other countries, including

by other countries, including those in the EEC.

Mr Silkin told MPs that the present method of calculating EEC subsidies on exports of processed pig to Britain was unfair, "Our producers are facing very real difficulties", he said. "Sow slaughterings are at a disturbingly high level and the breeding berd is being run down."

He had decided to pay pig farmers 50p a score (201b) or about £3.50 for each dead pig produced. "Supplementary esti-mates will be presented in due course, and meanwhile, if necessary, recourse will be had to the contingencies fund." Mr Silkin said later that a

typical loss by pig farmers was about £2.50 for each animal. The aid to farmers would peg prices of pork and bacon and safeguard supplies for up to a year. The measure would last for at least three months and restore efficient pig farmers to profit.

Mr James Foster, chairman of the pigs committee of the National Farmers' Union, said the aid on pigs was timely and

welcome. On fish, Mr Silkin said in the Commons that it would be dan-gerous to allow lack of control to continue. The Government had told the EEC Commission of necessary conservation measures, but had the power to start them alone.

He said at a pres conference he said at a pres conference that the Government considered four measures to be essential and was ready to introduce them in a mouth. First, fishermen should be forbidden to carry nets of different mesh size on the same voyage. Second, the area in which Norway pout, an industrial species used in an industrial species used in animal feed, could be taken at the expense of fish for human food, should be restricted. The third need was for stricter control of species caught by chance by vessels looking for

other species. Lastly, Britain wanted a ban on fishing for herring in the



Environment awards: A couple who laboured with their hands for seven years to turn a devastated colliery site into an attractive woodland pony-trekking centre, received one of the six premier awards for environmental responsibility from the Business and Industry Panel for the Environment yesterday.

In a valley near Port Talbot, West Glamorgan, Mr Alden Holden and his wife, Libby, shown above at the centre, cleared the rubbish and waste ground around the site with the aid of a bulldozer and built 13 log cabins and accommodation for themselves and 36 ponies.

Although the site is in beautiful surroundings, the ground itself was worse than derelict, and we had to start from scratch", Mr Holden said.

Another award went to British Leyland's assembly and paint plant at Solihull, West Midlands, built to produce the new Rover

Although, according to the citation, it is the largest single development project in the industry for 40 years, it is

but invisible to the local community. Every care has been taken to avoid air pollution and the contamination of adjacent water. The buildings are spacious and clean, and provide the workforce with not only the most efficient technological equipment but superb working conditions." The other premier award winners are the Truman brewery administrative building, in Tower Hamlets, London; WD & HO Wills's tobacco complex, Hartcliffe, Bristol: the National Coal Board's open-cast reclamation scheme at Shipley, Derbyshire; and a new headquarters for Willis, Faber &

Out of a total of 80 entries, seven others were highly commended by the panel headed by Mr Peter Parker, chairman of

Dumas, insurance brokers, in Ipswich.

Concorde services make loss in first year

By Arthur Reed Air Correspondent The first year of operation with the Concorde had been one of technical and prestige success but financial disappointment, Mr Gordon Davidson, director

of Concorde services for British Airways, said yesterday. The airline would not dis-close its losses during the intro-ductory year, but Air France, which also introduced the Con-corde into service on January 21 last year, said it had lost about £2.6m after depreciation. Between them the two air-lines carried more than 45,000

during the year. Sixty-four per cent of the seats were filled, according to the manufacturers, the British Aircraft Corporation an dthe French group Aéro-

spatiale.
The Concorde has halved the and Paris and Bahrain, Washing-ton, Rio de Janeiro and Caracas. But the airliner's potential has nor been fully realized because of the refusal of some aviation authorities to grant landing

rights.
The key to the world Concorde network, and its financial success in the future, is New

York. The Port of New York Authority, which controls the international airport serving the city, is to give its decision on right of entry on February 10.

Mr Davidson said that the most successful Concorde route had been London-Washington.

About 93 per cent of the available seats had been filled since the service began on May 24. One of the main reasons for the overall loss was the fact that each of British Airways' four Concordes was flying for an average of only an hour a Sunday Times Magazine for day, when it could easily be in the air for seven.

BPC, will continue to print the Sunday Times Magazine for seven years from next September.

in A-level pass rate for

By Philip Venning of The Times Educational

Manchester

Important new evidence of falling standards in schools appeared this week in a report showing that GCE A-level results in Manchester's schools have been deteriorating steadily

for 10 years. The report, produced by Mr Dudley Fiske, the city's chief education officer, shows that Alevel passes as a proportion of entries have dropped from nearly 70 per cent in 1964 to only 56 per cent last year. The number of entries stayed much

The education department, which considered the report on Monday, has delayed discussing it until March, when it will meet to examine the examination results and other evidence

The figures are approximate and not always strictly comparable, and throw little light on the debate about compre-hensive schooling in the city. All Manchester's schools except Roman Catholic ones, went comprehensive in 1967, so the not sit A levels until 1974. By then the pass rate was falling and results in the past three years have continued the rrend.

years have continued the trend.

Meanwhile in the Roman
Catholic «rhool», which go
comprehensive later this year,
A-level results rose to a peak
in 1974 before falling.

In his report Mr Fiske points
out that important factors have been omitted from the figures. Results by pupils doing A levels in further education colleges are not included, and there is

no way of distinguishing d'Administration." children who live in Man-chester from those from outside. One main topic at the March meeting will be the latest results of attainment tests on pupils aged seven and 12. They were started in 1974 and will eventually indicate whether academic standards of pupils

living in the schools catchment areas has been falling.

By contrast, a report to Oxfordshire Education Committee shows that its A-level pass rate rose from 67 per cent to 74 per cent between 1974 and 1976, and that the number of entries went up from 2,809 to 3,071.

Sunday Times

Magazine ' Times Newspapers and the British Printing Corporation pro-pose, subject to contract, that Sun Printers, a subsidiary of BPC, will continue to print the

appeared to be backing the photographers, but then letters

NUJ members, the statement said, had made it clear that they

10-year drop Annan call to reform **Civil Service College**

By Peter Hennessy Lord Annan, Provost of University College London, called

vesterday for a reorganization of higher education provision designed to produce a new breed of specialist, highly trained men and women better equipped to fill senior posts in industry and the public service. British universities and poly-

of excellence to match the grandes écoles in France, which turn out 40,000 graduates each year over and above the alumni of the French university system.
To complement such a reform,
the British Civil Service College should be reorganized along the lines of the Ecole Nationale d'Administration in Paris, the staff college for the higher posts in the French public sector and

In an interview with The Times to coincide with the publication of the University College annual report, Lord Annau said: "Why cannot the newly invigorated Department of Education and Science initiate action to produce a core of trained men and women which government, industry and the country needs in manage-

"All that is wanted is for the universities and polytechnics slightly to modify their examination structure and for the University Grants Committee and the ministry to designate certain departments in univer-sities and polytechnics to pro-vide specialist, high-powered courses.

"This would be the counterpart of rebuilding the Civil Service College. It would be the best way of reproducing the French system of grandes écoles numbers, and a European and the Écol e Nationale language".

Under Lord Annan's scheme students would gain entry to specialist courses by taking an examination in their second year at a university or polytechnic. If successful they would receive a further two years of training. Should they fail, they would complete the normal requirements of a three-year degree course.

degree course. In a foreword to the Univer-sity College annual report, Lord Annan also called for a new statute to replace the Education Act, 1944, the basis of postwar educational provision. Its primary purpose should be to raise academic attainment by improving standards secondary-school level.

Since 1944 there had been a preoccupation with securing equality of opportunity in edu-cation; now fundamental questions needed to be answered about "how we teach, what we teach, why we teach" and how what is taught should be assessed.

"Already it is the custom in some schools to eliminate com-petition, evade exams and regard the pursuit of intellectual excellence as if it led to ven-erial disease; cleverness, energy and ability are discouraged, and docile, cooperation (and unendurable duliness) are celebrated as the most desirable traits in personality", Lord Annan story.

A new Education Act was needed to ensure minimum national standards in reading, written expression and arithmetic. A common core curriculum, which every child must take should encompass "the writing of English, the ability to calculate and manipulate

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Warning of fake Cartier watches

By Craig Secon

Counterfeit watches bearing the famous name of Cartier, which have been turning up throughout the world, are being sold in Britain, M Alain Perrin, president of Les Must de Cartier International, said in London

M Perrin, who arrived from Paris to address a press con-ference at the Cartier branch in New Bond Street, London, said the company was being seriously embarrassed by an international gang who are thought to be buying and selling the fake watches, which are assembled in Switzerland, Italy and America.

In Britain, he said, about 600 had turned up. They are usually bought for anything between \$40 and \$500 at clubs, in the streets, such as Carnaby Street, London, on racecourses and at

a few retailers. excise. The fake watches are believed to arrive in Britain in lorries from Europe.

M Perrin said: "We think there is one organization behind this and it buys and sells fakes throughout the world. The French police think it is a gang specializing in fakes, not just fake watches."

In London an 18-carat Cartier gold watch with gold buckle is likely to cost £800. Some of the fakes can be distinguished by flat rather than curved glass, a light feel to the watch, and a shallow engraving of the name Cartier on the back. The hands are thicker.

New police pay talks to be held

Mr Rees, Home Secretary, has agreed to new negotiations with the Police Federation in an attempt to resolve the dead-lock in the dispute over police pay, which has lasted for six months.

After meeting the chairman and the general secretary of the federation, which represents 120,000 policemen in England and Wales, he gave his assent talks not only about pay but to talks not only about pay but also about negotiating machinery and representation.

The police say they should be treated as a "special case" in their demand for a £6-a-week increase. They have been offered 4! per cent, which they have rejected. Mr Rees has told the federation that he wants the dispute to be resolved as

a few retailers.

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pay rise of that size. Local council treasurers, who budgeted for a 41 per cent rise in police pay, are now some-what embarrassed because their accounts show a false credit, owing to the determination of the police to accept nothing less than a rise of £6 a week.

A Police Council official em-phasized again last night that no more money could be offered.

Oxfordshi faces 30 pc rise in rates

By Christopher Warman Local Government Correspondent

Correspondent
Ratepayers in Oxfords
likely to face an ove
crease of about 30 per
their rates in 1977-78, the council said yesterday.
Such a rise would be the national average of 15 per cent predicted the Environment, when nounced the rate-suppo figures in November. Oxfordshire's policy

sources committee is mending the council 52.7m from its balance duce the rate increas result would be to red proposed increase by : 15p to 12p in the pot even if that reduction is the increase is severe.

The council cut 55m planned spending last accordance with gov instructions. That has a total balance of £5.6 year's budger has been

by another £5m, in £3.75m from education s and £1m from highway If the budget is appr the full council on F 8 big reductions in m-will follow, including

policy and resources co says it believes that con redundancies can be av Essex County Coun announced proposals to restrict its rate increase

per cent, or 91p in the A standstill in the leve vices would mean an of 23.5 per cent, 12p The proposal, which before the full cour

March 1, entails the a of 2,180 posts, to be by wastage and redun Labour opposition cos say they cannot suppo severe reductions, b Liberals say the propos is still too high. Education bears brun: employment of teachers affected under the Ess posals, but the county's tion service would have

most of the savings (our Swimming lessons we cancelled unless voluntee teaching would stop. Fo dred part-time cleaners have to go and convi-foods would be used for meals.

The proposals also env rise of a third in further tion fees and the reduc non-teaching college staf bers. Some small I would close.

Cambridgeshire Count cil proposes to redu planned spending by £4 prevent a big rate incre meals, and charges of £20 for parents who wenter their children for

Staffordshire rate inc Staffordshire ratepayers i increase of at least a q Councillor James Wer Labour leader of the C said yesterday (our St Trent Correspondent wri The exact figure wor announced on Monday v The county's reduced support grant meant it have to find an extra E3

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Journalists' closed shop challenge By Tim Jones Labour Staff The claim by the National flict with the society's policy. A representative of the said the development said the action by one of its maining chapel members de-member newspapers was in con-cided that the fight must be

established its first closed-shop agreement in the provincial press was challenged yesterday when the High Court granted a temporary injunction to a journalist on the Ilford Recorder preventing the management from dismissing him today.

management decision to dismiss him unless he leaves the Insti-tute of Journalists and rejoins the NUI.

The journalist, Mr Rodney Southwood, is challenging a

While journalists on the Ilford Recorder and the Newham Recorder hailed the agreement as a "marvellous vic-tory", the Newspaper Society

society said the development would be referred to its council at the earliest opportunity.

The agreement was reached after a three-day dispute at the newspaper, which is owned by Home Counties Newspapers. In the deal, new recruits to the paper would have to join the NUJ, but existing non-NUJ members would not be required

to become members.

A statement from the Rford Recorder NUJ chapel (office branch) last night said two photographers, including Mr Southwood, had resigned from the NUJ after the vote in favour of a closed shop. "The 12 re-

won at all costs.

ing them on full pay and warn-ing them they would be dis-missed for 'misconduct' on Friday this week unless they re-joined the NUJ."

would not return to work unless a written closed-shop agreement was forthcoming. After the agreement, drafted by NUJ headquarters, had been signed, one of the photographers rejoined the union.

There is to be a further court hearing on Tuesday.

Magistrate is asked to dismiss Singapore plea

Mr Kenneth Barraclough, the Mr Kenneth Barraciough, the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, was asked at Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court, Westminster, yesterday to dismiss the Singapore Government's request for the extradition of Richard Tarling, aged 42, a former Slater, Walker executive.

Slater, Walker executive.

Seventeen charges against
Mr Tarling were totally and
unterly without foundation, Mr
Andrew Bareson, QC, his counsel, said. "It is an incredible
fact about this case, but an
inevitable and inescapable conclusion, that Mr Tarling's prin-cipal crime is to have been a director of this group of companies."

a Far East company, Haw Par Brothers International, after it had been taken over by Slater, Walker Securities in 1971. He and James Slater, aged 47, the financier, are wanted in Singapore on charges including conspiracy to cheat shareholders, criminal breach of trust and furnishing misleading

One-legged man

give up crime ---From Our Correspondent York

Philip McCutcheon, aged 46,

an unsuccessful burglar who has one leg, a glass eye, and a deformed hand, was advised to

deformed hand, was advised to retire from crime when he appeared at York Crown Court yesterday. Mr Rodney Percy, the recorder, described ham as a "rooten" burgler.

Mr McCutcheon, of Wentworth Crescent, Harrogate, admitted driving while unfit through drink or drugs, driving while disqualified handling stoken goods, and theft.

He was fined £10, disqualified from driving for a further six

advised to

Mr Tarling was chairman of

tion bad failed to make out a prima facie case. He added: "Mr Tarling, so far as he had anything to do with this com-pany, as a matter of policy made certain decisions based upon what he considered to be the best interests of the company and everybody associated

On the evidence there was no single case where the intention alleged in the charge was supported by documents. The prosecution had ignored and suppressed simple rational explanations for the actions Mr Tarling took.

"In order to create these charges". Mr Bateson continued, "quite astonishingly somebody has thought up an intention to fit the act. This case appears to have been approached on the simple basis 'let us look at it; find an intention he did not have and accuse him of an offence based upon that intention'."

The hearing continues today

Electricity-bill discount details explained By Our Social Services

Correspondent

Details of the Government's 25 per cent discount scheme on electricity bills for pensioners and other poor people were announced by Mr Benn, Secretary of State for Energy, in a parliamentary written reply last night. People with prepayment meters will receive a cash rebate at post offices and thosse paying quarterly bills a woncher equivalent to a quarter voucher equivalent to a quarter admired driving while unfit through drink or drugs, driving while disqualified. handling stolen goods, and theft.

He was fined £10, disqualified from driving for a further six months, given a conditional discharge for 18 months, and ordered to do a total of 90 hours? community service.

The scheme applies to electricity used in the three months ending in February, March or April. Discount will be available to everyone on supplement who pay directly for their electricity.

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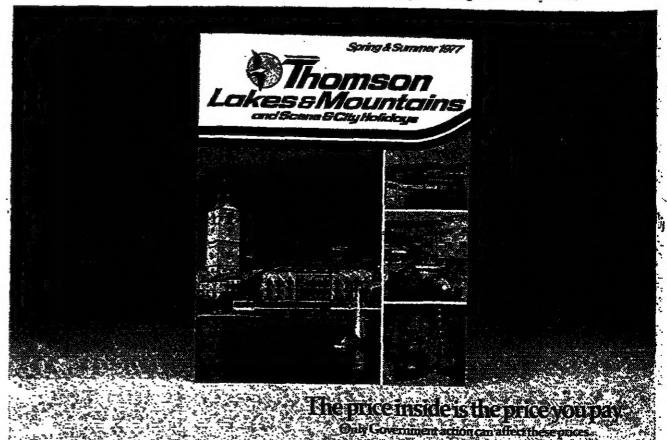
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Stors chief suggests Union leader proposes | Union leader proposes | Solution edical schools

ces Correspondent ke into Britain's ols ought perhaps d, Sir Cyril Clarke, the Royal College is, suggests in to-f The Times Higher upplement. the output of doc-

the country will dependent on those 1 oversess. But he n that source is ying up, partly beage test introduced want to rs in their own

says it is also gov-licy to encourage orinue in medicine. knows how many and or more wome each year will fall plan. ortant, he says, is

t doctors can now within the Euro-unity. But other already experiencties over medical Finland, Denmark aglish-speaking doc-

fill the gaps when their overseas doctors leave.

Crucial to coping with un-knowable trends, Sir Cyril argues, is a sensitive regulator. That is the number admitted to

medical schools.
It is planned to admir 3,945 in 1980, compared with 3,276 in 1973. Since there are 26 medical schools, a reduction of only a few each year for each of them would reduce a "bulge" later

To cope with the possibility of such a "bulge", he believes that Britain should follow the example of the Continent, where there is a "specialist" career grade which is not the equivalent of our hospital consultants. If we had such specialists here they would staff hospitals and their training would be that required by the EEC. In gen-eral that lasts a year or two less than the training of our

consultants.

He says the medical profession has always been opposed to the introduction of a "subconsultant" grade in Britain. But the specialist system would be particularly useful in producing part-time doctors, men

cies over medical and women.
Finland, Denmark He also suggests that, since are all producing the National Health Service is unlikely to grow much for some time, health education might ght come here and time, health education might best immans may be hophelp by reducing the number of patients.

ors say X-ray testing lead to breast cancer

reening tests for er (mammography) confined to women e of 50 until more about the value of its risks, a leading he British Medical s today. It quotes im Dr N. Simon and Silverstone, two

ot mammographic s in young women o radiation-induced le breasts. oups of women are own to have de-Past Cancers as a

nclude women given ay screening exampart of their treat-X-rays for inflam-

dical Correspondent survivors of the atomic bomb explosions in Japan. In all those cases the interval between exposure to X-rays and the development of breast can-cer was 15 to 20 years or more. A second important factor is that the evidence so far avail-able suggests that the benefits of screening for breast cancer in healthy women are limited to

No one yet knows how often mammographic screening has to be repeated if it is to be effective in detecting early cancers. The journal suggests that, alchough the cancer risk associ-ated with a single mammo-graphic examination is very small, more clinics should restrict mammoeraohy women over 50, and to those younger women with clear medical reasons for the examin-

By Paul Routledge Labour Editor

Pay rises should keep pace with inflation in the third round of the income policy, Mr John Lyons, general secretary of the Electrical Power Engineers Association, says in the latest issue of the union journal. He proposes salary increases of about 15 per cent for 1977-78.

He says that although it is generally agreed that a contial for the country's economic recovery, pay restraint has not brought down the rate of infla-tion quickly enough for the exercise to be obviously worth while, and the "savage dis-crimination" that flat-rate pay rises have imposed on skilled workers, rechnical, professional and managerial staffs is re ducing the incentive to work. His members' tolerance for the

tion "is beginning to wear thin", he says.

Mr Lyons argues that the Chancellor's tax concessions last year were of no help to technical or the chancellor's tax concessions concessions are year were of no help to technical or the concessions are the concessions tax year were of no help to technical or the concessions. nical and middle-management staffs, who have suffered an "enormous" cut in living standards over the past three years.
"Our members are not remotely wealthy", he says. "The wealth is still retained by the wealthy. As to the generally low-paid, they have not benefited either. So clumsy have the two pay policies been that the genuinely low-paid have come out of them very badly."

Commenting on speculation that the next pay limit will be 7 per cent, or £3 a week plus 5 per cent, he says: "The Government should disabuse itself of any possibility of an agreed deal on such figures. With inflation due to stay at 15 per cent in 1977, how can we look for an increase of much less than that amount in our 1978 settlement?"

An increase of 15 per cent or so does not have to be seen solely in terms of gross pay, he says. Direct taxation could, and desirably should, provide a significant part of such an increase."

The alternative might be an increase in corporation tax Otherwise indirect taxes should be increased.

That point of view runs counter to powerful trends of thought within the TUC, where the automatic response to almost any economic development is to call for increased public expenditure, Mr Lyons

Fear that bread-price war might eliminate small shops

bread because it was "an im-portant element in the cost of living, which the Government wents to keep as steady as possible." That was said in 1941 and illustrates the long history of political intervention in the

baking industry. Although many people can-not speak of "standard" bread without cursing it, more than half the bread made in Britain is sold in that sliced and wrapped form. Almost twothirds of our bread is sold by grocers, not bakers.

The present dispute has centred on that industrialized

end of the market. The little men who bake behind their shops have not been touched. Some supermarket managers who have refused to accept the price fixed by the van drivers bave found all their supplies blocked, not only those of "standard" bread.

Why are van drivers in the United Road Transport Union pushing up the price of such bread when the leaders of the trade union movement tell ministers that restraint on prices, especially of food, is an contract that includes wage

Primarily the dispute is about job prospects. The van drivers' action looks like a bolt from the blue, but this is not the first time they have been alarmed about supermarket prices. Loaves are priced differently from other groceries.
The large "standard" loaf is
produced at a recommended
retail price which varies across the country and is enshrined in a ministerial order.

Manufacturers negotiate discounts with their main customers, supermarket chains, below that price. In 1974 a price war broke out in which discounts of between 35p and 40p in the pound were offered. Mrs Williams, who preceded Mr Hattersley at the Department of Prices and Consumer Protection. tion, intervened and fixed a maximum discount of 221p in the pound.

Van drivers were relieved because a price war would not only have eliminated bakeries

Bread price ceilings fixed by the Government large wrapped sliced loef, white or brown but not wholemeal (28 oz) Small enwrapped loaf, white or brown but not noismeal (14 oz). 131 but would also have made it Hartersley wants to encourage

impossible for small grocers to a price war, and the bakers self "standard" bread at are worried about it, too, for a prices to match those in the different reason. The industry most competitive supermarkets. When Mr Hattersley took the Government's gleaming consumerist sword from Mrs Williams he used it first to hack her bread control to rib-

kept prices artificially high. His new bread-price order made any level of discount legal and added for the first time a sliding scale of price limits linked to them. Thus a sounts inned to them. Thus a grocer in most of England or Scotland who buys "standard" loaves ar a discount of 17½p in the pound or less can sell at the upper limit of 21p.

The drivers face that Most and the standard or select the second or select the select the second or select t The drivers fear that Mr the spectre of nationalization.

bons, saying that her system

are worried about it, too, for a different reason. The industry is dominated by three large companies producing more than two thirds of the nation's bread: RHM, responsible for Mother's Pride; Associated British Foods, which produces Sunblest; and Spillers, progenitor of Wonderloaf.

The Monopolies and Mergers Commission is soon to report

Commission is soon to report on baking, parts of the Labour Party complain about the alle-gedly monopolistic powers of large food companies, and the Government still wants to conchude planning agreements in the food industry. The bakers are haunted more than ever by

Dismissed union rebel wins right to benefit

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By Christopher Thomas Labour Staff A man dismissed after refusing employment benefit.

The case centred on whether he lost his job through mis-conduct; whether he voluntarily left withour just cause; and whether he neglected a reasonable opportunity of suitable employment.

On all points Mr R. J. A. Femple, chief commissioner, has found in his favour and says he should get unemployment bene-fit. The decision overturns a local tribunal's findings and was made despite a strong submis-sion by an insurance officer that refusal to comply with the closed shop was misconduct.

That submission which is implicitly rejected in the chief commissioner's findings, said the man provoked his employer to dismiss him; that he had made himself unsuitable for his made himself unsuitable for his iob: that he was blameworthy because he caused himself to become a potential charge on the National Insurance Fund.

The man, Mr Brian Betts, joined the railways as a platelayer in July, 1974, nine days before the repeal of the Industrial Relations Act, which enshrined the right to join or not so join a union. New legislation made it fair practice to dismiss an employee for not dismiss an employee for not complying with a closed shop, leaving religious objection as the only valid reason for

exemption. A year after Mr Berts had joined British Rail, the three railway unions negotiated with closed-shop agreement, forcing everyone to join or lose his job. Mr Betts refused to join because he thought it was a denial of his freedom. He lost an internal appeal, and in

March last year was given a month's notice. At the time of the appeal legislation in effect allowed exemption from a closed shop if there was objec-tion on "any reasonable ground to being a member of a par-ticular trade union". Now, only religious objection is valid. unfairly dismissed, but an industrial tribunal found to the

had no religious objection. A man dismissed arter retusing to join a trade union under a closed-shop agreement has won a crucial appeal to the Chief National Insurance Commissioner against being denied un-A local tribunal in Mansfield voluntarily left his employment without just cause, it said. However, it reduced the period of disqualification from the maximum six weeks to three weeks. Mr Betts then took his

case to the Chief National Insurance Commissioner. An insurance officer argued that Mr Betts should be dis-qualified from benefit because of the provisions of section 20 of the Social Security Act, 1975, which authorizes up to six weeks' disqualification because of misconduct, leaving without just cause, or not taking an opportunity of suitable employ-

The findings of the chief commissioner on each point

Misconduct: The local tribunal had unanimously rejected any question of misconduct. The employers had made no complaints against the man's work, It would be wholly inappro-priate to describe the man's non-compliance as misconduct through which he lost his employment.

Leaving without just cause: "I see no reason to impute to the claimant the last thing he had in mind, namely a volition to leave his employment." It would be a misuse of language to describe the man as having voluntarily left, so the question of "just cause" did not arise for consideration.

Neglecting an opportunity of suitable employme commissioner said the man's views were shared by many others, and thus did not derive from the "insubstantial perversities of an individual eccentri-city". Those views, sincerely held, were of no less weight and no less valid than if, for example, he had a religious objection to Sunday working; or an objection on teetotal principles to employment that in-volved serving intoxicants on licensed premises; or if as a vegetarian he objected to work in a butcher's shop. In terms of the Social Security Act, 1975, the employment was not suitable for him, the commissioner

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Tory backing for sharing of resources and teachers

means who are making sacri-fices for the welfare of their children, Mr Norman St John-Stevas, MP, opposition spokes-man on education and science,

said in London yesterday. He welcomed the recent policy statement by the Inde-pendent Schools Joint Commit-

a state-assisted scheme. He hoped more independent schools would take the initia-tive in sharing their buildings

By Our Education

tee for cooperation and the sharing of teachers and resources with state schools. He said he would be meeting leaders of the former direct-grant schools soon to see whether they could agree on a plan for parents to pay for places at independent schools according to their means under

starting at the bottom in a

been reports that inspection

between the two sectors of schooling was desirable. The Conservative Party wanted the closest cooperation in the interests of all the children concerned. He urged

Correspondent tained schools. He would like Most parents who send their to see it made easier for children to private schools are not rich but are of modest vate to state schools. The one bureaucratic obstacle was that it had often meant a teacher's taking a drop in salary and

probationary year.

The system by which the Department of Education and Science recognized some independent schools as efficient should be continued. There had leading to recognition would be abandoned. That would be a

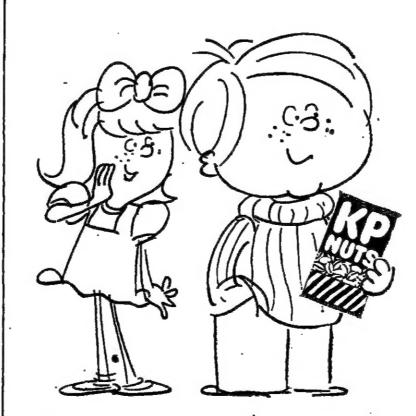
big step backwards. He did not believe that a war

Government to drop its hosti-lity to private schools.

Defence Correspondent

Britain has been financing development programme for a "stretched Ikara", a longerrange version to be armed with the lightweight torpedo, due to enter service in naval helicopters, aircraft and warships in the 1980s. About £300,000 has been spent on the programme. The decision does not affect development of the lightweight torpedo, which will still be needed.

"Basil...who's that talking to Alec?"





The lovable nuts.

lenge over national ance investments ments increased in value by 1.9 per cent, not enough to keep pace with inflation. But

ces Correspondent MP plans to chall'estment policy of il Insurance Fund because it has led fall in value com-the performance of £600m was written te of the fund's in-

since then ordinary increased in value much as fund inas Litterick, MP for Selly Oak, wants legislation to be allow fund money

be invested only in vernment stock. leased in written that the restriction

private shares, as measured by the Financial Times Actuaries All Share Index, increased in value by 43.11 per cent in the same period.

In addition, when the old
National Insurance Reserve
Fund and the Industrial Injuries Fund were merged with the main fund on April 1, 1975, their assets were reva-lued at nearly £600m below

Mr Litterick said yesterday: "Any elementary student of accounting knows that shares allow fund money are revalued only when they is invested in the fall below cost. These figures show that a huge sum of money paid in contributions by e invested only in ordinary working people to securities and finance their pensions has

gone down the drain." The figures were disclosed to Mr Litterick in written replies to questions about the owed those invests 5932m surplus expected by the ain their value.

April 1, 1975, and invested by the National Debt

Navy abandons scheme to improve missile

By Henry Stanhope

The Royal Navy has been forced to abandon a missile improvement programme to accommodate some of the £100m cut in the defence budget for

The missile is Ikara, the anti-submarine system developed by Australia and used by the Royal Navy in the cruiser Bris-tol and eight Leander class frigates. No figures are avail-able for the amount saved. Ikara flies to a submarine

and drops a homing torpedo for the final strike.

natum to colleges on foreign students

London Education ave been instructed ie numbers of their udents or reduce ng staffs.

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eid, of The Times at colleges aided or maintained cution Supplement by the authority from 25 per echnics financed by cent to 10 per cent by 1982. The confidential ILEA letter

implementing its policy as a condition of grant, and the block grants and related staffing establishments for the 1977-78 session already negotrated with the authority's officers will be approved on

that basis. "Further reductions in teaching staff would follow if the accepted a students' resolution reduction in enrolments were not made."

The Central London Polytechnic increased the number of its overseas students from 885 in 1975-76 to 931 this year. It has been told to cut that number by discuss the directive next 110 in the next academic ses-

Its academic council has said that it would support the ILEA states: "The authority is bound in approaching the Government to regard cooperation in about overseas students. But it said the ILEA policy was unacceptable.

> college's administration offices, hoping to influence the governors towards formally rejecting the proposal. The City of London Poly-

Students are occupying the

rejecting the ultimatum. It has been told to reduce overseas numbers by 50 to 447, and risks

Chief judge dismissed in Baader-Meinhof trial for showing bias

bave repeatedly attacked Dr Prinzing's conduct in court.

This unseemly controversy surrounding a trial, which in

authorities unprecedented embarrassment, brought not only Dr Prinzing's court but also West German justice into

from a lower court above more senior judges just before the

case was due to begin. Accu-sations that he had been

chosen specially for the case

because he was a keep-fit enthusiast, or because he was

regarded by authority as a yes-man, have been consistently

Dr Prinzing demonstrated in-sufficient ability to asert per-

sonal authority over a team of decidedly disrespectful defend-

ing lawyers. The scenes which

so often took place in his court would have moved a British judge to the heights of judicial wrath.

His querulousness and con

stant petry interruptions of the defence led some German observers to conclude that he was not psychologically equipped to handle the most difficult trial ever staged in a West German court.

The discharge of Dr Prinzing should be the final crisis in the trial before the verdict

itself. The giving of evidence is over, and the prosecution is

expected to make its final

It has already asked for life

sentences on the three surviv-ing defendants—Andreas

Baader, Gudrun Ensslin and Jan-Carl Raspe—for alleged murder, attempted murder and

statement soon.

In his conduct of the trial,

any event caused the judicial

From Dan van der Vat Bonn, Jan 20

The presiding judge in the Baader-Meinhof terrorism trial, the most controversial criminal case in West German history, was today declared by his fellow-judges to be biased and was discharged.

This astonishing development, exactly 20 months to the day since the trial began in a specially fortified courtroom at as an even greater shock than the suicide in prison of a prin-cipal defendant, Ulrike Mein-hof, last May.

The judge, Dr Theodor Prinzing, aged 51, was unseated from the presidency by his eight colleagues on the second panel of criminal judges at the Baden-Württemberg state high court. He will take no further part in the case.

Ten days ago Judge Albrecht Meyer, the Federal judge who would have dealt with any appeal in the case, was relieved of this duty after a complaint that he had infringed a judge's duty of confidentiality.

a judge's dury of confidentiality. Today's 'dismissal was the result of a motion alleging prejudice on the part of Dr Prinzing, lodged earlier today by a lawyer defending another principal accused. Andreas Baader. It was the eighty-fifth such motion against the judge in 174 court days since the trial began on May 20, 1975.

The deputy president of the court, Judge Eberhard Foth, who took over from Dr Prinzing immediately, said in giving the ruling of the court that it was not a question of whether Dr Prinzing was blased or felt himself to be so.

It was much more a case of

It was much more a case of reasonable doubt among the defendants about his impartiality being justified. Dr Prinzing's remark to a lawyer in the rase that the court's attitude to a discharge motion on grounds of bias depended on which defence lawyer lodged it—the grounds for today's defence complaint—inescapably meant that the accused could doubt

The dismissal of the president will neither make a retrial necessary nor interrupt the proceedings. Throughout case, four reserve judges of the second criminal panel have sat in court following the evidence, in addition to the five actively handling the trial.

This precaution, which justified itself today, was to ensure that the trial would not be interrupted or broken off if one or more of the five judges on the bench became incapacition. Holger Meins, the man who was to have been the fifth defendant, died after a hunger-strike well before the trial began,

San Sebastián, Jan 21
Thousands of Basques leapt with joy in San Sebastián early today as they saw the Basque national flag flying from the balcony of the town hall for the

with thousands more cramming

that the nervous-looking mayor was unable to make his short

attacks by right-wing extremists.

flags and urging on the crowd,

Life for child

controversy

Not a single riot policeman or

of the city's festival.

Crowds jump for joy as

Basque flag is flown

on direct elections to Strasbourg

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, Jan. 20
On the same day that Mr
Edward Heath, the former Conservative leader, put in yet
another forceful plea for direct
elections to the European
Parliament, M Michel Debré,
the former French Prime Minister, described the plan as "illconceived, ill-prepared, unclear
in its consequences and as tated through death, illness or tated through death, illness or other cause.

Dr Prinzing's conduct of the case has always been the subject of fierce controversy, not only among defending lawyers and the accused, but also among ourside observers. Even Die Zeit, by a long margin West Germany's leading intellectual weekly and arguably the country's most respected. the country's most respected journal, was moved to ask in a oncerved, urinepasses and, as in its consequences and, as such, an intolerable artack on the independence of the headline last August: "How biased is Prinzing?" the subheading on the article went even further: "Why the court president must be discharged." Contempt of court is nothing like the deterrent in West Germany that it can be in Britain, and many powerful newspapers of all persuasions have reneatedly attacked Dr.

mr Heath spoke at the presentation ceremony of the Adolf Bentinck Prize, awarded for the most notable contribufor the most notable contribution to European union, to M
Jean Monnet, the "father of
Europe". M Monnet, who is 87,
was not present at the ceremony because of his delicate
state of health, and the prize
was received by his daughter.
Mr Heath stated: "Only
when the people of Europe
know ther they have direct
representation in the European
Assembly will they feel that
the community is aligning
itself more closely with their
needs and aspirations."
Mr Heath acknowledged that
"over the last two years, the

contempt.

Dr Prinzing was promoted over the last two years, the European Community has lost its momentum. The high hopes held of enlargement have not been fulfilled. We have made all roo little progress along the path outlined at the meeting of heads of government in Paris

Commission, under a new presidency, a new chairman of the Council of Ministers, a new chairman of the European Council cil, can enable us psychologically, as well as politically and practically, to make a fresh start", he stated.

He suggested that while

economic and monetary union were out of reach, the Com-munity should concentrate "on rectifying the existing im-balances which have prevented us so far from achieving it". It should, in spite of economic difficulties, he able to move forward in the formulation of a common foreign policy, and develop its common procure-ment for the defence services. But in the political field, he said, "no challenge is more urgent or more real than the need for direct elections. . . . Our purpose must be jointly to create a more democratic Com-

M Debré, the former Gaullist Prime Minister, who announced the creation of a "committee for the independence and unity of France", headed by pro-minent personalities from politics, literature and journalism, emphasized that the adoption of proportional representation for the European elections would bring about not a Europe des

patries, but a Europe des partis.

These elections could turn out to be "the third ballot of presidential elections for an unsuccessful candidate who might be tempted to head a list for European elections". The error, in his view, was

The error, in his view, was to dig up a provision of a treaty signed 20 years ago and try to apply it at a time when the Community was falling apart, and was increasingly dominated, economically and monetarily, by West Germany. The choice lay, in his view, between the creation of a Community of European parions. munity of European nations, each preserving intact their independence and sovereignty, which did not exclude a practical solidarity in many fields: and a European "ideology and theology". If the latter prevailed. France would become the Quebec of Europeans", he added, "but the first contribution we can make to the nower.

tion we can make to the power and grandeur of Europe is the As it was impossible to drop the idea of direct elections at this stage, which would have been preferable, he proposed the signing of an additional protocol to the Rome Treaty specifying that the sole com-petent political authority in the Community was the European council of heads of govern-ment, "the sole expression of

meut, "the sole expression on national legitimacy.

"An end must be put to the Commission, ambiguity of a Commission, which is not a government, responsible to an Assembly which is not representative' he declared.

Commons against any Govern-ment Bill later this month to provide for direct election of the European Parliament in May or June next year. Mr Bryan Gould, Labour MP

created when metal plant workers in the Aschen suburb' of Stolberg erroneously began piping nitric acid from a railway tank car into a vat of suphuric acid.—AP.

Debre attack | Criticism of decision to stand for mayor of Paris

Chirac gamble puts future at stake | Salisbury not ther M Giscard d'Estaing's authority. This is so obvious that M

M Jacques Chirac has thrown down the gauntlet with a vengeance. The surprise deci-sion last night of the former Prime Minister and chairman of the Gaullist Rassemblement to stand for mayor of Paris in March is a challenge to the left but even more so, to Presi-dent Giscard d'Estaing.

The President had given his official blessing two months ago to the candidature of M Michel d'Ornano, the Minister of Industry and one of his intimates, against strong Gaullist opposition, and renewed it only on Monday. M Chirac claimed tonight

that it was absurd to pretend that he was attacking the President or the Government by standing in Paris. "I support the Government appointed by the President and will continue to do so," he told reparters. Although the Elysee Palace

has refused all comment. M Barre, the Prime Minister today strongly condemned M Chirac's initiative which is also a direct affront to his authority as the leader of the majority in the electoral battle. "While taking note of his entire support for the Governentire support for the Government economic recovery plan,"
M Barre said, "I expressed to him my fears that this initiative would provoke a deep division of the majority. Our economic recovery can be endangered by electoral clashes which would undermine the climate of confidence our country needs."

La Scala

Italian

Rome, Jan 20

man to head

broadcasting

From Our Own Correspondent

The newly appointed board

of directors of the Italian state

broadcasting corporation, RAI,

today chose as its chairman

Signor Paolo Grassi, who is at

present superintendent of La

Signor Grassi has ruled the

difficult La Scala empire since

February, 1972. Before that he

spent 25 years as director, in

partnership with Signor Giorgio

Strehler, of the Piccolo Teatro.

Milan. He is by far the most

experienced and respected

His reputation as an impre-

sario of European statute and

his energetic personality are expected to bring a new atmosphere to RAI, which is beginning to feel the effects of

Callaghan and Herr Schmidt, the West German Chancellor,

starting at Chequers on Sunday,

are likely to be dominated by

financial questions, as the com-position of Herr Schmidt's team

He will be accompanied not

only by Herr Genscher, the

only by herr densities, the Foreign Minister, but also by Herr Apel, the Figance Minister, and by Herr Leber, the Defence Minister.

The West Germans expect the

British side to press for an expansion of the West German

economy to help world—and thus British—trade, and also for

renewed support for the British Army of the Rhine. Anglo-German cooperation on

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Schmidt talks in London

From Our Own Correspondent tank construction may also

to focus on finance

chairman RAI has had.

Bonn, Jan 20

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The talks

famous opera house.

Milan, Italy's most



M Chirac: A challenge to M Giscard d'Estaing.

As for M d'Ornano, he told a press conference today that he would not withdraw. "I have discussed this new situation with M Raymond Barre, and in full agreement with him, I con-firm that I pursue the mission with which I have been regu-larly entrusted."

M Chirac has chosen gamble in one throw his entire political future. It is obvious that for him—and he made it clear in his statement last night—Paris is only a springboard. If he wins control of the capital, he will not stop half way. But if he loses it, he will have lost everything.

For the present, the upshot is to divide the majority even more deeply than it has been so far, and undermine still fur-

announced today that he was resigning from the Gaullist Rassemblement. "The personal moves of its president", he

moves or its president, he said, "from the moment they appear as challenges to the Prime Minister, if not the President, are factors of division, and therefore of weakness for the majority. Far from serving the fight against collectisism, this attitude reinforces its prospects." M Jean Lecanuet, the Cen-

trist leader and Minister of State, said that M Chirac "wants to impose the predominance, the preponderance of the Rassemblement, and limit of the Rassemblement, and time the treedom of choice of the President". He was aiming at "a kind of live opinion poll, in the capital to prepare the ground for the parliamentary elections, and all this outside procedures worked out by the Prime Minister ".

The Gaullists, for their part have responded favourably to their leader's bid for Paris. M Michel Debré, the delender of strict Gaullist ortho-doxy, said in a broadcast today: "M Chirac will be mayor of Paris. It will be a victory for him."

For the Opposition, M Claude Estier, the socialist spokesman said: "M Chirac's formidable challenge shows how bitter the rivalries have become between the men of the majority, even if they defend the same interests."

Pide man jailed for seven years after torture trial

Lisbon, Jan 20

for 42 years one of the most feared Pide (political police) agents of the Salazar era, was jailed for seven years and eign: months today by a Portuguese Army court martial

Senhor Seixas, white-haired but still bulky, with enormous hands, was found guilty of smashing a prisoner's ribs and knocking his teeth out in a savage assault in January. 1974. But the court dismissed five other charges of torturing and ill-treating prisoners as not proven, a decision which brought protests from a crowd gathered outside.

The charges dismissed re-lated to the time when Senhor Seixas was chief of the camp guards at Tarrafal concentraclos camp in the Cape Verde Islands.

The court also ruled that the offences at Tarrafal, widely known in Portugal as "the camp of slow death" would in

Bono, Jan 20 .- Mr Crosland.

the Foreign Secretary, tonigat strongly reaffirmed Britain's

commitment to Nato and to Western defence arrangements for West Berlin despite Bri-

tain's current economic difficul-

Our commitment to the

British Army of the Rhine, and to Nato, is firm", he said in a television broadcast recorded in West

London for broadcast in West Germany. He described Nato as a very

high priority for Britain.
Of the Rhiue Army, he said

with emphasis: "Whetever economic difficulties there might be we have a part to play. The Army is there, that is

that we are absolutely firm.

visited the shrine of Our Lady

Senhor Seixas began his Pide Henrique de Seixas, aged 72, career in Oporto, breaking up or 42 years one of the most attempts to resist the regime, and in 1938 was promoted chief of the Tarrafal guards. Later Senhor Seixes became Dr Salazar's chief bodyguard. circumstance.

Witnesses testified unanimously that conditions there became even more inhuman under him. He was said to have created "the forced labour brigade" which toiled for hours without stopping under the tropical sun, breaking and

An important feature of the trial was the protests by former victims over the charges brought by the official commission appointed by the military authorities to wind up Pide authorities to wind up Pide.
They testified that several more
serious offences did not figure
in the charge sheet.
The general in charge of the

commission resigned last week in protest over President Eanes's signing a Parliamentary amendment restricting the "extenuating circumstances" ginning to feel the effects of any case have fallen under a the courts martial have been internal reform after years of 1967 amnesty for "physical making liberal use of in other narrowly political leadership. | crimes "granted when the Pope Pide trials.

EEC appoints new chief press spokesman

From Our Own Correspondent Brussels, Jan 20 In a general reorganization of press and information services,

signor Renato Ruggiero, formerly director-general in charge of the EEC's regional policy, has been appointed the European Commission's chief press spokesman in place of another Italian, Signor Beniamino Olivi.

The public relations section. which is concerned among other things with the running of EEC information offices abroad, and the hitherto separate press spokesmen's group have been merged into a single department under Signor Ruggiero. He will answer directly to Mr Roy Jenkins, the Commission's President.

It is understood that Mr Jenkins wants to make more use of televised press conferences. which he intends to hold at least once a month. In a statement issued today, the Com-mission said that the reorgani-zation was not intended "in any way to diminish the access of the press to the flow of information ".

Making a graceful exit after 15 years as chief press spokesman, Signor Olivi, whose relations with British officials have not always been happy, recalled that when he arrived there were only 32 accredited journalists in Brussels. Now there were more than 270.

Dispute stops Paris papers

Paris. Jan 20.—A printers' union tonight called a 24-hour strike which will prevent publication of Paris newspapers tomorrow.

tomorrow.

The strike, called by the communist-led Syndicat du Livre, is in protest against the detention of nine printers arrested while trying yesterday to stop the distribution of the daily Le Purisien Libere which has been affected by a dispute and printed with non-union labour.—Reuter.

Soviet doubts on Italian strikes

Rome, Jan 20.—Signor Forlani, the Foreign Minister told Italian MPs that during his recent visit to Moscow, Mr Brezhnev, the Soviet party leader, had expressed his liking for Italy but had added: "In Italy there are too many strikes, too many parties and too much too many parties and too much pornography."

to reject peace plan

From Michael Knipe modation

alisbury, Jan 20
Mr Ivor Richard, proven arrivers arrivers arrivers and arrivers arrive modation with the nationalist faction led Abel Muzorewa, and formed Zimbakwe People's Organizatic which is led by triwho were formerly nation Communications.

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Mr Richard warns

envoy, arrived here today say-ing that rejection by Rhodesia of Britain's proposals for a transitional multiracial govern-ment would create a "grave" his Government. Mr Smith is belie gambling that with s ternal settlement he However, there were no signs of the Rhodesian Government deviating from its publicly stated view that the proposals are unacceptable and the ad-States' Administration When he arrived iourned constitutional conferin the prospects of a Mr Richard's arrival coinsaid all the so-calle cided with a meeting of the ruling Rhodesian Front's parlia-mentary caucus at which, according to informed sources, given him "the assu on satting up an acc terim government the a firm decision was taken either will stop " and tha garded the "rather to repeal or at least drastically amend the controversial Land Tenure Act, which is the basis of most of Rhodesia's racially discriminatory legislation and crete proposals"

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constitutional settlement and that there was a "far-ranging discussion on the subject of removing racial discrimination" during which it was "accepted that further efforts should be made in this regard". in favour of repealin Tenure Act came in view given by Mr. Der Byl, the Minister Affairs, who said he believed that all form The statement added that Mr The statement added that Mr Smith, the Prime Minister, would address the nation within the next few days. He is expected to give his reasons for rejecting the detailed British proposals and to give some indication of his own plans for an internal settlement of the constitutional issue discrimination should He also indicated a settlement by saying a Muzorewa's African It is believed he will seek to faction and Zupo "c to represent the Afri implement the Kissinger pro- to represe posals by means of an accom- country".

Nkomo men launch ma kidnapping drive to build up terrorist army

From Richard Cecil Gwanda, Jan 20

A massive recruiting compaign as well as the abduction of African civilians into guerrilla forces has been launched in western and south-western Rhodesia by Mr Joshua Nkomo's Zimbabwe African

ence in Geneva was a failure.

an emotive cornerstone of Rho-

The tirree-hour meeting was reported to have been stormy

and ended with only a brief, unrevealing statement.

It said the caucus had re-iterated that there could be no deviation from the "Anglo-Americao package deal" for a

desian Front policy.

People's Union (Zapu). It has dismayed security forces here because of the unprecedented scale of the cam-paign in the Motabeleland area. Government officials here in the south-west estimate about 1,000 Africans have been abducted or recruited in the last two months since the operation was mounted soon after the Rhodesian settlement talks started in Geneva. In the previous 15 months in the same district, only 600 Africans left Rhodesia for training cans left Rhodesia for training gather for a social or gather for a social or carrive event. The

In one recent incident, 124 Africans were abducted from a beer hall and merched at gunpoint into Botswana, Eighteen point into Botswana. Eighteen of them managed to escape. I talked to some of them and to some of the village heads, chiefs and ordinary villagers from the area. This was arranged by the provincial commissioner and I was able to talk to some of them without Government officials being present.

Some were reluctant to discuss the political motives behind the campaign, but the majority I spoke to told mo that the man behind it is Mr Nkomo, the veteran nationalist

Several of them described how armed terrorists came to their kraal and recruited or abducted young men in Mr army and one day i Nkomo's name. One was rold: come back, "some on "Come and be one of Mr some in airplanes". T "Come and be one of Mr some in airplanes". T Nkomo's soldiers so he has an tell the Botswana a: army after independence." that they came willing army after independence." Another said that armed men had come to his village, gathread the people together and told them: "We want no Accor people from Zanu (the rival nationalist party), only people who will fight for Nkomo." The methods as well as the tempo of the recruiting have

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One village elder, i ties, told me he could up during the merc Botswana berder in threats that he would if he did not. Finally rillas grew impatier men, you are delay they said. "Go b morrow we will come shoot you."

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According to security forces, there : main collection poi those abducted into E

2,000 Britons in Rhodes forces, deserter claims From Our Correspondent

Johannesburg, Jan 20 A British deserter from the A British deserter from the Rhodesian Army claimed today there were about 2,000 Britons in the Rhodesian forces.

Mr Hugh Lynn, aged 25, from Londonderry, was arrested at Ramokgwebane on the Rhodesian-Botswana border, according to the Government-owned Botswana Daily News in Gaborone. He will probably be Gaborone. He will probably be deported as were two other recent deserters, a Briton and

recent deserters, a Briton and an American.

Mr Lynn said he joined the Rhodesian Army after answering advertisements in newspapers with the heading:

"Would you like to work in fun? Then come and join the Rhodesian Army."

He did not say who paid his fare to Salisbury, where he arrived last September to begin five weeks' training at Cranbourne light infantry barracks. But he became ill and after a period in hospital, was assigned light dusies. "I haven't taken part in any

haven't taken part in any action, he said.

Disillusion about Rhodesiao Army life set in when he found

Christmas approached homesick and decip desert. I hid in a house in Salisbury an towns until I could man Borswana", he said. Mr Lynn said he is there were about 2,000 many of them form troopers, and more than Americans, mostly veterans serving Rhodesian forces. The 43 foreign recruits at Britons, in his training Meanwhile, ir was revenued Africa that between and 3,000 reservisis and

to two years. Reservit being called up for months' duty, mostly border with Augola and West Africa instead of he could not send money home, day annual camp they a said Mr Lydn, a widower with attend.

here. "Do not cut him in two. It will deter nobody", he said. Three Government ministers, including M Poniatowski, the Interior Minister, had publicly joined in a clamour for "an exemplary punishment", and 200 people outside the court-mouse booed when they heard the sentence. "Justice is rotten", they cried. M Henry had admitted grangling the boy with a silk stranging the boy with a silk scarf while he was being held captive for a 120,000 ransom. Floods kill seven Jakarta, Jan 20.—At least seven people died here in floods which swept the city after which swept the city after torrential rain, officials said

murder. He is Pairtick Henry, a salesman, aged 23.

M. Robert Baclinter, the defence lawyer and a leading opponent of the guillotine, had made a last plea to the jury here. "Do not cut him in two.

Police said the manager had telephoned his bank asking for the ransom money to be brought to the home. Two of his staff did as he asked.—Agence France-Presse.

> Rome, Jan 19.-Sara Domini, aged four, kidnapped on Decem-

After the flag was hoisted, some of the crowd broke into chanting: "Basque flag yes, Spanish flag no", voicing the aspirations of those who want complete independence and not that a successful the successful the successful that the su

dream come true.

first time in 40 years.
As the red, white and green flag was run up the brand new pole, next to the red and yellow Spanish flag, people in the July 18 Square (named after the day the 1826 France years) just autonomy from the Spanish state. The crowd jumped up and down shouting:

"Anyone who does not (jumpe) is a fascist." Everyone jumped. The shouting of pro-amnesty alogans, waving of placards and tooting of car horns went on into the small hours of today. No incidents with the police the 1936 Franco uprising began) burst into chanting: "Free the prisoners, total amnesty and long live the free Basque country."

The crowd of about 5,000, were reported. Harry Debelius writes from Madrid: Political tension domithe narrow streets in the old quarter cheered as the flag was raised to mark the beginning nated the news in Spain today with the civil governors of two Basque provinces resigning in People waving the Basque protest against the authorization flag and pro-amuesty placards, people, many of them standing on balconies round the square, shouted so loud and for so long

of widespread use of the Basque flag, symbol of home rule The governors of Vizcaya and Guipuzcoa, the two coastal pro-vinces of the Basque country, anded in their resignations yes-

by waving his hands but gave up and eventually raised both hands in the "V" victory sign together with the rest of the crowd. Sook shops in the square still bore the signs of recent handed in their resignations yesterday, according to reports
published in Madrid.

In Madrid, the kidnappers of
Señor Antonio Maria de Oriol,
the president of the Council of
State, gave a curious indirect
assurance to the Government
that nothing would happen to
their hostage even if the Goverment continued refusing to
meet the kidnappers' demands.

In a new message delivered Not a single not ponceman or civil guard was in the square when the flag was raised just after midnight. Members of a club band thumping drums and playing brass instruments marched into the square in red in a new message delivered to the Madrid newspaper BI Pais last night, the self-styled First of October Anti-Fascist Resistance Group (Grapo) said: "We have more than enough patience to carry this matter to the end . . . without any necessity of executing our prisoner." and blue uniforms playing the San Sebastian hymn. Youths, who earlier had gone wild on

| Family of five killer in guillotine strangled after ransom is paid Troyes, Jan 20.—A self-confessed child killer, whose triel was used as a rallying point by abolitionists, was sentenced today to life imprisonment for kidnapping and murder. He is Patrick Heury, a selection and 23.

Brunswick, Jan 20.—A family of five were found strangled today after the killers made off with DM 165,000 (about £40,000) which had been paid as ransom for their lives. The killers left a note suggesting that they were members of the extremist Baader-Meinhof terrorist group and that the murders had been a

blow struck for Herr Andreas Baader, now on trial in Stuttgart.
The victims were a bank manager, his wife, and their three children, aged 16, 11 and

Kidnappers free child ber 30 at Alassio, was released by her captors last night on the outskirts of Novi Ligure. There are reports that a ransom of agreement, for instance in connected the Germans of agreement again after lunch the Charlottenburg Castle.

M de Guiringaud said France expected Berlin to participate for eight of the charlottenburg Castle.

poisonous gas ne declared. Our Political Editor writes: Leading opponents of British membership of the EEC, in concert with M Debré, yesterday launched a campaign in the

for Southampton, Test, chal-lenged the argument that there was a British commitment to direct elections to the European Pacliament under Article 138 of the Treaty of Rome or as a consequence of the referendum on EEC entry. The decision rested with Parliament at West-

Anchen, Jan 20.—Poisonous gas escaping from a factory injured at least 44 people here before the drifting cloud started dispersing on the Dutch boarder.

German police followed the cloud in helicopters until late today as it drifted at an altitude of 1,600ft and moved into the Dutch province of South Limburg, spreading gradually to a diameter of six miles.

Police said the fumes were

Portuguese to get more arms from Nato From Our Own Correspondent Lisbon, Jan 20

Portugal will be receiving additional arms equipment from Nato on account of its "special situation". General
Alexander Haig, the Supreme
Allied Commander in Europe,
indicated here today at the end of a two-day visit.

He refused to give any details of the arms or to answer reporters' questions about whether Portugal is now fully participating in all Nato activities. Modern arms and equipment supplied to Portugal since the 1974 revolution have come from the United States and West Germany.

France reaffirms Berlin links

awareness of her responsibilities, he said.

M de Guiringaud, who did
not mention the Soviet Union by name, reminded the Eastern side of its rights and respon-sibilities for all of Berlin, and

From Gretel Spitzer

Berlin, Jan 20

In his address to West
Berlin's House of Representatives today, M Louis de Guiringaud, the French Foreign Minister, emphasized his country's commitment to the divided city. His visit should demonstrate the sympathy of entire city and the former gaud, the French Foreign the freedom of the Western the freedom of the Western sectors of Berlin is based on country's commitment to the divided city. His visit should makes a distinction between the demonstrate the sympathy of entire city and the former zones of occupation.

"To the extent to which the three powers effectively exercised supreme power in the west of the city, they are in the position to bring to bear this power and a supremental the position to be the city." this power on the international

tives at the European Assembly appointed by the House of Representatives—not elected directly—the way the West Berlin members of the Bunde-

Listening to M de Guiringaud was Herr Hans-Dietrich Gen-scher, the West German Foreign Minister. The two ministers left the assembly hall together and rater met again after lunch at the Charlottenburg Castle.

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M de Guiringaud's official

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than 1,000 young me should have reported a month's national services year are officially list missing. The army has military police to find the dodgers. dodgers.
It is widely expected t period of compulsory service in South Africa extended this year, poss

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Sbury not te Catholic schools Clergy-state clash on Amazonlan ject peace lenge apartheid cy of South Africa

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ming of the new this week has seen pupils admitted to far afield as Port Elizabeth, g, Port Elizabeth, nd Windhoek. Preorts indicate that of black and dren by individual anged from two to

to integrate Cathoomes after a deci-e South African hops Conference Il races. In fact, began taking black l children during

is the first religious body to take this step. Church leaders today were at pains to emphafrica have thrown size that in so doing they were doors to pupils of not deliberately trying to defy defiance of the sapartheid policy "We are not out for confronwhite, black and tation, but this is a matter for

tation, but this is a matter for conscience", said Mgr J. P. Galvin, the Vicar-General of the Catholic Archdiocese of Cape Town. The Catholic bishops have pointed out that all people have a right to education, and Christian education." The total number of black

and Coloured pupils at Catholic schools will not be known for several weeks until school registers have been completed. But it will take some years before full integration is achieved.

There are two delaying fac-tors. Firstly, white, Coloured and African schools all have different syllabuses which makes it difficult to move a child from one school to another: secondly, black and Coloured children live in their ic Church, which own townships which are largest number of usually situated a long way is in the country, from white areas.

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African Parliables tomorrow for st crucial sessions whire opposition almost complete ion yesterday of ry members from fary caucus means Africa. The six will now sit on ty, which three the cross benches.

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mere 30 seats. for the merger to go ahead.
National Party, However, a new obstacle has for the merger to go ahead. mo men lang a huge parliabeen thrown up by Mr Colin Eglin, leader of the PRP, who is refusing to disband his party apping distribution groups, ble to have little the new opposition group. The PRP's caucus has also expressed ins resulted from reservations about what it regards as the unacceptably rightto go along with wing interpretation placed by

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The split in the UP, the
fourth in the party's history, has
the Prime Minister, who can
now look forward to an easy now look forward to an easy passage in next week's impor-tant "no confidence" debate. He described the situation in the party as being like "the demise of a very sick person, a process which is not yet

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tried to kill airline workers

Melbourne, Jan 20.-Police oday released from a British pilot who crashed his stolen arrorati into an airport building at Alice Springs, killing himself and three others.

In the note, Colin Forman, aged 23, said his death dive on January 5 was intended to kill and main as many employees as possible of an airline which had dismissed

him.
The letter was posted the day before he stole a twinengined Beechcraft belonging to the Ord Charter Company at Wyndham in Western Australia and crashed it into the administrative offices of Con-nair Ltd at Alice Springs, 700

administrative offices of Connair Ltd at Alice Springs, 700 miles away.

He accused employees of Connair, the firm which had dismissed him, of being responsible for his "misery and degradation". He had also been dismissed by the Ord Company.

Police said the note showed Forman intended to dive into the building's canteen during a teabreak when it would have teabresk when it would have been crowded with employees. But he miscalculated and arrived 10 minutes after the

break was over. The control tower heard him shouting, "it is better to die with honour than to live with dishonour", over his radio as he began the dive. The three neople killed included Mr Roger Connellan, 32-year-old son of Connair's chairman and founder.—Reuter.

Policemen shot

Mexico City, Jan. 20.—Left-wing guerrillas shot dead two policemen and stole their guns Islamic Conin a stationery shop here today.
Six people, including five police, have been shot dead by

Amazon land disputes

clash between Brazilian authorities and wide sections of the Roman Catholic Church in the world's largest Catholic country.

the military regime have accused several bishops of instigating peasants to violence, of fomenting subversion and even of being communist agents. An Italian priest has been deported.

The church has accused the authorities of ignoring the plight of peasants and Indians pagar of peasants and indians that it says are being dispossessed by large companies and landowners, or torturing a priest and of publishing false confessions by detained priests stating that some bishops are subversive or com-

muddy town on the Tocantins river in the heart of the jungle. Dom Alano was interrogated for 15 hours in November after peasants fearing eviction in São Geraldo do Araguaia, 75 miles south of here, killed two police-men protecting a land demarca-

after 17 days the church accused the military authorities of torturing him, a charge denied by the Justice Ministry.

During his detention a news-

Maboni after his release. Shortly after the Maboni in-

priest, who had been serving in the Villa Rondon area north of here since 1968. Villa Rondon was the scene

them from their lands.

fore his deportation Father Fontanella said the military authorities had forced him, un-der "intolerable psychological

ownership.

Most peasants have no land titles but have legal guarantees if they have been working the land for more than a year. But large landowners, some of them with legal titles, others with falsified claims, have used hired guamen to intimidate the peasants and burn their shacks to

cizing the newspaper.

Police said the newspaper could appeal against the ban within two weeks. It is the correct verdicts of the Cultural third Thai newspaper to be Revolution. But these remarks closed by the Government in were deleted from the version



Marabe, Brazil, Jan 20.— Land disputes in the Amazon jungle are causing a head-on In recent months officials of

involved is Dom Alano Maria Pena, Bishop of Maraba, a small

Father Florentino Maboni was arrested on charges of incite-ment. When he was released

paper published an alleged interview obtained, it said, through the intervention of "a high government authority" in which Father Maboni was quoted as saying there were many bishops acting like socialists and communists. That statement was denied by Father

cident the Government de-tained and deported Father Giseppe Fontanella, an Italian

last July of a clash in which peasants killed an American landowner and his two sons who they said, were using threats and violence to expel In a letter written shortly be-

bis bishop was a communist.

The incidents are only the latest in a long series resulting from the inextricably complicated problem of Amazon land

force them to leave.
Several hundred peasants and

Indians are reported to have been killed in such clashes over the past six years.

Cardinal Avelar Brandao Vilela, Primate of Brazil, has called on the Government to formulate a properly defined land policy to defuse the situation

More conservative church leaders and some newspapers have accused the liberal bishops of becoming involved in politics

instead of caring for souls. But the liberal viewpoint is summed up by Dom Pedro Casaldaliga. Bishop of São

newspaper in Thailand

Bangkok, Jan 20.—The Daily News, Thailand's second biggest newspaper, was closed by the police today for publishing articles critical of a senior official in the military-controlled

The paper was banned for an indefinite period for two articles critical of Mr Samak Sundaravej, the Interior Minister, last Saturday and Monday. The articles followed televised remarks by the minister criti-



It was a secret policeman who unwittingly indicated one of the reasons for President Sadar's sudden political crisis. He had been standing with a uniformed police commander, watching the advancing crowd near the American University and talking into a two-way radio, when he caught sight of us at the side of the road.

He walked over and, fraudulently claiming to be an employee of American Express, suggested that we left the area.
"It is cangerous for you here",
he said with a shepherding
movement of his left arm, "and those people are unimportant They are not Egyptians. They are just trash."

We asked if he seriously be-lieved the people were for-eigners. "Well". he replied, "they may be Egyptians, but they are still trash." It was a comment that would not have surprised Cairo's poor. Any inquiries to the Govern-

ment or the police or any dis-cussion of the city's chronic poverty over dinner with fami-lies in the quiet suburbs of Heliopolis or Zamalek elicit the same kind of reply; that most people support Mr Sadat, that they are benefiting from Egypt's pro-Western economic policies, and that any violence is instigated by communists or Marxists or men who are agents of a foreign power. They remind you that the

Egyptian Government pays

of 35 per cent only began four years ago; and that, given time for foreign investment to make its mark, the 38 million population will gradually acquire more per capita wealth.

This could sound a reasonable

argument until a factory hand or a low grade clerk displays the complicated system of tickets and passes required to obtain the meagre quantities of subsidized food.

In a family of seven, for instance, government permits allow a subsidy on one kilogram of rice, one kilogram of sugar and half a kilogram of cooking oil a person each month as well as some cheap bread and tex. The rice costs 5p, the sugar 14p and the cooking oil 8p. But after receiving the allowance a man or woman pays the full rate for his rice, sugar and cooking oil for the rest of the month: 13p, 22p and 20p respectively.

Workers in Egypt customarity eat five times a day; but they eat bread to keep away hunger and otherwise consume about the same quantity of food in 24 hours as a Briton might take

In Cairo—where an estimated 90 per cent of the 8,500,000 population are on the poverty line with an average wage of £46 a month and where their lives are made desperate by ness, unemployment, staggering bureaucracy and dirt-most people exist in misery, sustained

sidies; that the country's offi-cially recognized inflation rate of 35 per cent only began four great "war of Ramadan". But memories of the war are

becoming as scratched and and faded as the old newsreel film of the 1973 crossing of the Suez Canal which the state television service still broad-casts regularly. As those days of military victory recede, and as physical conditions have grown worse, so the wealth of 10 per cent of Cairo's popula-tion seems to have grown larger and more estentations.

Limousines, their perfumed occupants shielded by curtained, sun-tinted windows, drive nightly towards the Giza nightclubs, while every evening at about 8 pm the cavernous marble hallway of the Nile Hilton hotel fills with the sound of gongs and cymbals, for it is every middle class Egyptian girl's dream to cele-brate her wedding with expen-sive festivities. Mr Sadar himself held an

opulent function on the lewns of the presidential residence when his daughter married the sou of his former Construc-tion Minister earlier this month; the belly dencer and the presence of Mr Omer Sharif cost nothing, according to official sources. Bur outside the walls of most of the expensive hotels in the city, there is camped an army of poor, ready to beg or cajole for a few plastres. particularly

annoyed the factory workers and slum dwellers, and the

apparent disregard for those who live in poverty. The rich (who are unpleasantly referred to as "white Egyptians") are popularly believed to have been the only class to benefit from Mr Sadat's American-oriented

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big American firm has settled in Egypt. Since the top 10 per cent are also by definition; the administrators, the population of Cairo wonders why they have permitted the city to collapse. Overpopulation is treated as a fact of life and there is a good example of this.

economic policies, although no

Some weeks ago, Mr Sadat twice stopped his official car in crowded streets to give lifts to pedestrians who were walking to work along the crumbling pave-ments. The Cairo newspapers placed this news on their front Yer earlier this month two

commuter trains, so over-crowded that many passengers were clinging to the outside fittings of the carrieges, passed each other on a bend in the track near the suburb of Mardi. Nine passengers were wiped off the sides and killed while 15 more were terribly injured. Yet the incident rated only a few paragraphs in the press. The riots of the past two

days, therefore, were as pre-dictable as they were fierce. The poor are getting poorer and they look back beyond the last Middle East war to the last Middle East war to the days of Nasser, when the rich

suffered to alleviate their poverty and when the President was seen as a common man, speaking colloquial Arabic and shaking off real and imagined serfoom.

Mr. Sadat, although he likes

Mr Sadat, although he likes to be seen in his galibeah, the traditional Arab smock, in vil-lages in his home province of Minufiya, has little immediate popular appeal. His pipe-smok-ing meetings with European politicians and American senators are alien to many of American

Cynics wonder whether his great experiment in democracy —the creation of two indepen-dent political parties last year was not merely an attempt to provide a safety-valve against revolution rather than the introduction of a new climate

of popular damocracy.

Perhaps he can persuade the Saudis to pay 75 per cent of his £1,000m military bill each ear, as Mr Tewfik al Hakim, the respected Al Ahram columnist, suggested today. Perhaps he can persuade the United States to increase its \$250m (£147m) food grant.

The Army still supports Mr Sadat, although one riot policeman guarding the Hilton yes-terday said he earned just £15 a month. The police, one student said, are only the poor in uniform. But unless Presi-dent Sadet controlled dent Sadat can solve his domestic problems, there will be more unrest in Egypt.

He is safe in power at the moment only because the population prefers a leader—Nasser

Mr Bhutto's unopposed reelection 'was rigged'

From Our Correspondent Rawalpindi, Jan 20

Mr Bhutto's unopposed reelectopn to the National Assembly on the strength of having been the sole candidate to lodge nomination papers in his home constituency of Larkana, in the Sind, was publicly challenged today. At a Karachi press con-

ference today Mr Asghar Khan, president of Tebrike Istiqlal party and leader of the nine-party opposition front formed to fight the March 7 didate in Larkana, Maulana Jan Muhammad Abbasi, was kidnapped on Monday night. He was freed on Wednesday

after the lodging of nomi-nation papers had ended. This was the first claim of

attempted electoral rigging. But Mr Ghulam Musrafa Jatoi, the Sind Chief Minister, today described the Opposi-tion's allegation of kidnapping a concoction in order to cover its frustration over the unopposed election of the Prime Minister." He claimed that Maulona Abbasi had oodged nomination papers in constituency in Sind Newabshab.

However, apart from Mr Asghar Khan, four other Itaders of the Opposition front, the Pakistan National Alliance, claimed last night that Maulona Abbasi was general elections, claimed that abducted by police on Monday the prospective opposition can-didate in Larkana, Maulana Mr Bhutto in his home consti-

Mr Asghar Khan told the press conference: "If the polls are unfair the people of Pakistan will certainly not accept them."

Chinese press confirms end of anti-Teng campaign

officially indicated that it had China Reconstructs.
called off its campaign against

Earlier this mo Mr Teng Hsiao-ping, the purged moderate leader.

A monthly magazine, China-Reconstructs, published a new version of a speech by Mr Wu Teh, Peking's mayor, at a mass rally last October, deleting all criticism of Mr Teng.
In his address, Mr Wu had told a crowd of a million they should continue to criticize Mr Teng and repulse a right-deviationist attempt to reverse

Peking, Jan 20.-China today of the speech printed today in

Earlier this month, wall posters in Peking, Shanghai and the central city of Hsi-an demanded Mr Teng's rehabilitation, claiming that he had been smeared by Chiang Ching. Mao Tse-tung's widow, and other radicals.

Analysts here believe that the former Deputy Prime Minister, who was dismissed last April, will be rehabilitated soon. Some speculate that he may eventually become Prime Minister.

Newspapers are now attacking his radical opponents, alleging that they plotted to seize power.-Reuter.

escaping from a battle with Eritrean guerrillas have des-cribed the situation in their country as "very bad", the Sudanese news agency reported here yesterday.

said their battalion was trying to make for Tessenei on the out by the guerrillas. Their escape to Sudan follows

diers took refuse across the border last Sunday. The incidents come during a period of strain between Ethiopia and Sudan and allega-

helping to train "various troops" in camps inside

Singapore, Jan 20.—Indonesia has lifted its year-old entry ban on Mr Bruce Wilson, the Southeast Asia Correspondent of the Melbourne Herald-Sun, who is based in Singapore. He was accused of bias in his reporting of the fighting in Timor.

West Bank call for inquiry into Arab jail deaths The petition requested the release of five prisoners in Ashkelon who, it said, needed hospital treatment. One man was

said to have become paralysed, another to have gone blind, and a third partly blind. It also sought examination of all Arab prisoners by Arab doctors.

Other moves sought included

an end to overcrowding, provision of beds instead of floor

mats, better food and sanitation.

and an end to what prisoners alleged was "abuse by guards". More than 200 students today

occupied the Ramailah munici-

pal offices with the agreement

of Mr Karim Khalas, the mayor. Mr Khalas said he and other

mayors had asked to visit prisons but after a date had been set permission was with-drawn. He alleged that all

prisons in Israel and the occu-

pied areas were overcrowded. Prison authorities have not so

Jerusalem, Jan 20

Leaders of Red Crescent societies in the occupied West Bank have called for an investi-gation into the deaths of four Arab prisoners in Israeli jails during the past two years. They are also urging the setting up of a committee of Arab leaders to study grievances which led to the live-week hunger strike

to the nve-week hunger strike by prisoners at Ashkelon jail, south of Tel Aviv.

The hunger strike, which set off sympathy strikes at other prisons, was officially declared to have ended yesterday, but Arab sources claim that some prisoners are still refusing food. Sit-in demonstrations were held in West Bank towns today as part of "prisoners' day".
Yesterday 50 Red Crescent leaders called at the International Red Cross office in Jeru-salem and presented a petition calling for improved prison discipline.

tar commented on the com-

Tibet dinosaur fossils Hongkong, Jan 20.—Chinese scientists have discovered a number of dinosaur fossils 13,779ft above sea level in Tibet.

aries to be offered are attractive and will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. CONDITIONS OF SERVICE

Appointment is pensionable but successful candidates will be on probation for two years. The posts attract several fringe benefits such as leave grant and car basic allowance. The Authority also endeavours to provide quarters but where this fails, appropriate housing allowance is paid in lieu. Other conditions of service will be as for Senior Employees of identical grades in the Authority.

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British error over arms sale ship From Peter Hazelburst Tokyo, Jan 20 An apparent slip in British

diplomacy touched off an embarrassing controversy in metropolitzn authorities for-mally informed the Japanese Government that the Royal Navy support ship Lyness will not be allowed to dock in Tokyo port in March to exhibit a display of British weapons for The British Embassy in Tokyo

originally submitted a request to the Japanese Foreign Ministry in December, suggesting that the Lyness might be allowed to dock in Tokyo at the end of March to promote the sale of 271 types of weapons and military craft. "We were put in a difficult position", a highly placed

and opposes any form of Japan today, when Tokyo's military activity.

"Mr Minobe controls the city

and port under powers vested in local authorities. His views are widely known. He has prohibited our own Self Defence Force from parading in Tokyo. Everyone knows this is a fact." The source went on to state that the Foreign Ministry had submitted the British request to the Metropolitan Government

in conformity with protocol. But he added: "We were amazed. We realized that Mr Minobe would have adverse reactions." In an official statement today, a oFreign Ministry spokesman said: "There was a sounding from the British Embassy in

we will handle this case." The spokesman, Mr Kensuke Yanagiya, said that other naval vessels had been allowed to enter Tokyo port in the past but the Japanese Government

British request had placed the Japanese Government in an embarrassing position, Mr embarrassing position, Mr Yanagiya replied: "Not Yanagiya necessarily. Friendly countries can make any soundings. Then we can see what we can do." Answering further questions. suggesting that the British Government could have been

more discreet in its attempt to Foreign Ministry source said. Tokyo in December about the Stitish request to the Tokyo Metropolitan Government, which controls the port. The British answer from the Metropolitan request in the near future."

Embassy should have know Government. The reply was better. It is widely known that the Governor of Tokyo (Mr Ryokichi Minobe) is left-wing ment agencies to establish how

had never been asked to sancan open exhibition of arms before. When asked whether the

wiped out by guerrillas Khartum, Jan 20 .- Two Ethiopian soldiers who surrendered to Sudanese border police after

Ethiopian force

The two men were quoted as saying they had fled to the horder after a battle at Umm Hagar in Eritrea, Ethiopia's rebel northern province. They

reports that 96 Ethiopian sol-

tions by President Nimeiry of Sudan that Ethiopia is harbour-ing anti-Sudanese elements and

in camps inside Ethiopian Government troops are also being harassed by guerrillas of the London-based Ethiopian Democratic Union which is demanding a return to civilian rule and the establish-

Indonesia lifts ban

ment of a parlimentary demo-cracy.—Agence France Presse.

ADVERTISEMENT As mentioned in the FESTAC Report in The Times on 18th January, here are the vacancies in the Federal Republic of Nigeria

NATIONAL ELECTRIC POWER AUTHORITY

The National Electric Power Authority responsible for generation, transmission and distribution of electric rer throughout the Federal Republic of Nigeria requires for immediate appointment the following categories r Inroluginous the research sequences of the substantial substantials:

Engineers (Electrical, Mechanical, Civil, Protection, Control and Metering)
Technologists (Electrical, Mechanical Civil, Protection, Control and Metering)
Technicians (Electrical, Mechanical and Civil)

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Candidates for (ii) above must possess the Higher Technician Diploma in electrical, mechanical or civil engineering, or its equivalent.

Candidates for (iii) must possess the Ordinary Technician Diploma in Electrical, Mechanical or Civil Engineering, or its equivalent.

Candidates for the post of surveyor should possess a good university degree in Surveying or an equivalent professional qualification and must have acquired at least three years' post qualification relevant experience.

equivalent professional qualification and must have acquired at least three years' post qualification relevant experience.

Candidates for the post of Architect must possess a good university degree in Architecture or an equivalent professional qualification, plus at least three years' post qualification relevant experience.

Candidates for (vi) must possess one of ACA, ACCA and ACMA.

For postitions (vii) above, candidates abould hold a computer science degree from a recognized university. In addition, candidates for the post of Systems Analyst must possess extensive programming and systems analysis experience using COBOL and/or PORTRAN in business environment while candidates for the post of Programmer must be versatile in the use of COBOL and/or FORTRAN and IBM 360/370 DOS Software and he experienced in STRUCTURED or MODULAR programming. Applicants without much experience may be considered for TRAINFE appointments if they divides sufficient aptitude and are adjudged expable of rapid development.

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All completed application forms must reach the Director of Personnet, Electricity Headquarters, 24,25 Marina, Lagos, Nigeria, not later than Friday, February 11, 1977.

The Kennedy era left Americans suspicious of rhetoric

Washington was also snow-bound when John F. Kennedy was sworn in as the thirty-fifth. President of the United States 16 years ago, but nobody cared. Everybody was convinced that a brilliant new age was about to begin—well, perhaps a few Republicans and anti-papists were not quite so sure—and what was 18in of snow among the new Perisonne the new Renaissance men and

women?
That was the popular claim in those innocent days. The ridiculous Camelot myth was invented by Theodore White much later. Eighteenth-century Versailles also crept into some unhistoric minds, but again who

cared?
One thing was absolutely certain. To quote the wife of Walt Rostow, one of the Kennedy team, the junior officers of the Second World War were taking over.

It did not matter that most of the Kennedy men had never heard a gun fired in anger. Kennedy was seen to be a war hero and every war veteran responded to the new Presi-

responded to the new President's call to arms.

"Let the word go forth from this time and place, to friend and foe alike, that the torch had been passed to a new generation of Americans—born in this century, tempered by war, disciplined by a hard and bitter peace, proud of our ancient heritage—and unwilling to witness or permit the slow undoing of those rights to which this nation has always slow undoing of those rights to which this nation has always been committed, and to which we are committed today at home and around the world." I read the advance text in the White House the night before, and thought that it was splendid stuff. The spirit of Agincourt if not of the Adamo. I had had to abandon a taxi in the Georgetown snow here the the Georgetown snow, but the stirring rhetoric made me for-get my sodden shoes and

trousers.

The night did not still the excitement, and the great and fashiomable gathered before the east front of the Capitol to witness the inauguration welcomed the not-so-great reporter from London, England, with smiles and whisky flasks. We were indeed a bappy band of brothers, and not so few.

Robert Frost read his poem, "The Land was Ours", amended at Kennedy's request to emphasize its sentiments for to emphasize its sentiments for a new generation of Americans. He also tried to read a dedi-

In this outward and physical ceremony we attest once again to the inner and spiritual strength of our nation. As my high school teacher, Miss Julia Coleman, used to say: "We must adjust to changing times and still hold to unchanging principles."

Here before me is the Bible used in the inauguration of our first President in 1789, and I have



Mr Ford embraces his tearful personal secretary, Miss Nell Yates, as he says farewell to the White House yesterday.

cation, but the sunlight reflect-ing off the pages, the brilliant new façade of the Capitol and the snow were 100 much for his poor old eyes.

Then came the inaugural address. Kennedy stood bare-headed and his Bostonian voice hard and determined, echoed round the plaza.

"Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival and success of liberty. This much we pledge—and more."

nore".

I can remember the straightening of backs, mine included. It was a rebirth, a national renewal. After those study and inarticulate Eisenhower years the trail boss was saddling up to lead a nation of fresh pioneers to a New Frontier.

Little did we realize that Little did we realize that Kennedy mean; every word of it, and that the new frontier

Text of Carter inaugural address

our Government must at the

same time be both competent and

compassionate.
We have already found a high

We have already found a high degree of personal liberty, and we are now struggling to emance equality of opportunity. Our commitment to human rights must be absolute, our laws fair, our natural beauty preserved. The powerful must not persecute the weak, and human dignity must be enhanced. We have learnet that "more"

Washington, Jan 20.—The following is the text of President Carter's inaugural address today:

For myself and our nation, I want to thank my predecessor for all he has done to heal our land. In this outward and physical in this outward and physical afford to drift. We reject the prosect of failure or mediocrity

Two centuries ago our nation's birth was a milestone in the long quest for freedom, but the bold and brilliant dream which excited and brilliant dream which excited is to demonstrate here that our

would be sought in Berlin, the Bay of Pigs, the underground siles of inter-confinental ballis-tic missiles and Vietnam. There were also a few good things to report before the end came at Dallas, the nuclear test ban treaty for instance, but Americans have since learnt to be suspicious of rhetoric.

They have learnt a great deal more in the intervening years in the riot-ruined streets of their cities, in the paddy-fields of Vietnam, and the White House tapes. That wagon train which began to move 16 years ago has been depleted, hopes are not so high, and the trail boss might be more careful as he moves through Indian territory.

tory.
The next four years will, I hope, be not so exciting, but I shall always remember the 1961 inauguration. It proved that the American people can forget the past and respond to leadership. That is still very reassuring.

shalled.

We are a proudly idealistic

nation, but let no one confuse our idealism with weakness. Because we are free we can never be indifferent to the fate of freedom elsewhere. Our moral

for those societies which share

with us an abiding respect for individual human rights. We do

not seek to intimidate, but it is clear that a world which others can dominate with impunity would be inhospitable to decency and a threat to the well-being of all

The world is still engaged in a

The doctors' dilemma: How to cure society of a lifestyle that makes people ill

Ever since Renaissance anatomist Vesalius began the conversion of medicine from a magical skill to a natural science the body has been seen as an intricate and wonderful machine, but one well within the scope of human understanding. More recently—and certainly for the last 100 years—the role of medical science has been the study of defects in the body-machine and their repair. In retrospect, future generations may see this search for cures for our diseases as just as mistaken as the alchemists' belief in the philosophers' stone -and it has recently been challenged by two of our most eminent medical scientists, Sir Richard Doll and Professor Thomas McKeown.

Their conclusions (reached quite independently) is that most of the intellectual and financial effort being put into current medical research is being directed at the wrong objectives. The body is not a machine which from time to time needs servicing or repair : it should instead be seen as a creation to be preserved, as far as possible, in its original state of perfection. We are born well (or most of us are) and it is each individual's responsibility to maintain his body in a healthy state.
Our present misplaced faith in the ability of

doctors to heal comes from a false interpretation of history. Professor McKeown's account of The Role of Medicine (Nuffield Provincial Hospitals Trust £3.25) shows that it has little claim to credit for the conquest of disease. The prevalence of fevers and plague for so much of human history was due to the combination of insufficient food, environmental hazards such as impure water, and overcrowding. Their decline was due to improved nutrition, better hygiene, and con-traception. The contribution made by vaccines and drugs was negligible, with the exceptions of streptomycin for tuberculosis and immunization against polio.

Modern hospital medicine is highly effective in some areas: In particular it has virtually eliminated the former hazards of childbearing, it provides excellent treatment for accidental injuries, and operations on the eyes and ears can often restore sight and hearing. Yet the main killing and crippling diseases have remained resistant to all the advances of medical science; mortality from heart disease, stroke, and the common cancers has hardly altered since the Second World War. We have a whole range of modern drugs for rheumatism, arthritis, bronchitis and asthma. psoriasis and excema. but they do not cure: they simply alleviate. Yet more and more expensive research effort is concentrated on further inquiry into the biochemical and microscopic defects responsible for these diseases. We have not yet learnt the lessons of history. Surely, says Professor McKeown, if we are to control and indeed eliminate diseases that kill and cripple us we should look for their causes so that we can prevent them?

We may not understand the disease processes responsible for coronary thrombosis or stroke, but we do know a great deal about some of the factors in the western way of life that induce them. The same is true of cancer, as Sir Richard Doll explained in his lecture published earlier this month in the Journal of Royal College of Physicians, In addition to tobacco and alcohol there are over 20 other known specific causes of cancer-industrial chemicals, drugs, and food poisons—and Sir Richard believes that in time 80 per cent or more of all cancers will be traced to environmental poisons.

The most striking evidence in favour of that view is the vast difference in the frequency of different cancers in various parts of the world. The Japanese, for example, have high rates for stomach cancer and low rates for cancer of the

genital tract in women-unless they mig the United States, when within two gentheir pattern of disease has changed to the in North America. Concentration of r efforts on these aspects of cancer coul Sir Richard, provide us with the key control of the disease.

What is needed, then, is a switch in en -starting in medical schools but exten all forms of education—so that the deterof health are seen as behaviour, enviro and nutrition rather than availability of care. We need to study which influen harmful and then modify our life st eliminate them.

Professor McKeown does not claim that be easy, but he does offer some grou optimism; personal habits can, he sugg modified by public action. We are too im changes of the kind required may take generations. But already there are sig smoking is becoming socially unaccept more and more sections of society, and lis of family size, once thought an im-restraint of human nature, has become a behaviour in much of the world.

Society assumes that we are ill and mac in fact it is nearer to the truth that we : and are made ill. As the truth pe through, there is a danger that all advances made in medical science rejected, and this would be as foolish a as the former unquestioning faith. technology has a great deal to offer, es in repair surgery; but the key to health changes in life style, not in new an complex remedies.

> Dr Tony Medical Corres

Balancing up the credits and debits of joining the cashless society.

The Consumers' Association, in a recent edition of Which? pointed out that although credit cards were a convenient way of paying they were also a way of getting into debt.

Although "plastic money" has become an integral part of the consumer spending boom and in spite of the fact that in Britain one adult in eight possesses a credit card, they are still viewed with awe by many, and with downright suspicion by some. The consumer will ensure that for some time, at any rate, Britain will not achieve the so-called American ideal of not being able to pay with cash at

Leaving aside individual store cards and schemes run by big hotel chains. I have been examining the operations and usefulness of the four true credit cards: Barclaycard, Diners Club and American Express.

The first two are run by British clearing banks, the others by individual companies. Barclaycard has 3,400,000 holders, three quarters of whom bank with Barrlays. Berclaycard offer a system of revolving may use his card, including each case there was an "other" was 10 years old in June. Access, credit while the former require hotels, restaurants, garages, category to bring totals up to which has about three million immediate settlement of the shops and airline offices. The 100 per cent. card-holders, was launched in monthly account.

1972 by the other clearing American Express does offer banks: National Westminster, an "easy pay plan", but that

Westminster Bank took a 49 per cent stake in 1965. There card was being promoted by Lloyds and by Martins and there are about 250,000 card-holders in Britain.

A person accepted as a cardholder of Barclaycard or Access is given a card free. American Express and Diners Club both conduct searching inquiries about applicants and charge £7.50 a year for the use of a card. Cheque encashment is guaranteed up to £30 by all four cards: Barclaycard at Barclays branches, Access at the other banks' branches, Diners Club at

credit limit when they issue a consumer liable for the first card to a holder usually after £20 before notification.
consultation with his bank Barclaycard has 90,000 outlets

Barclaycard and Access render monthly accounts to are 180,000 card-bolders in their card-bolders and both Britain. American Express card operations were launched in America in 1958 and extended to Britain in 1963. By 1967 the what he owes, whichever is the greater. Interest on cash with-drawals (up to £30) is charged immediately. If the holder does not pay, reminders are sent, then the card is withdrawn and finally legal action may be

taken to recover the outstand-

If the consumer should lose his card he is liable for the first 525 of fraudulent use before Barclaycard or Access are informed. Once informed, the card companies are liable. branches, Access at the other banks' branches, Diners Club at branches of the National Westminster group, and American Express at Lloyds branches.

Diners Club holds the consumer liable for the first £30 of fraudulent use, but once it is informed of the loss or theft the company becomes liable.

manager. The latter two cards in Britain where a consumer outlets for Access number 96,000, for Diners Club about 17,000 and for American Express 20,000. The outlets pay commission of between 2 and

are losing the bureaucratic battle

over indexed pensions

Access month on outstanding balances, which is increased to 2! per cent on cash withdrawals. All four impose a service charge of between 3 per cent and 7 per cent. Failure to pay the monthly account to Diners Club or American Express incur a charge of 1} per cent while they are setting about withdrawing

the card facility. Statistics from the Inter-Bank Research Organization show that of all personal sector transactions in this country over a period of a year cash accounted for 94 per cent, cheques for 4 per cent and credit cards for 0.16 per cent. Of all payments by bank account holders, cash still accounted for 88 per cent. cheques for 8 per cent and credit cards for 0.44 per cent

Diners Club and American For 50p a year it will insure their largest share of the mar-Express offer unlimited credit. the holder against liability. ket—payments of between £9.50 Barclaycard and Access fix a American Express holds the and £24.50 by those who had bank accounts—cash accounted for 42 per cent of payments, cheques for 44 per cent and credit cards for 2 per cent. In category to bring totals up to

> That is some indication of the reserved manner in which most card-holders use their credit facility. Barclaycard says that of its 3,400,000 holders, only

demand each month. third use their cards for two-to-three-month payment scheme.

The rest of the 1 are long-term credit be about £70 on average. E Barclays remains co that the public "is rather than profligate" than 0.5 per cent of its debt.

Barclaycard reached: even point after five ye enjoyed 36 months of profitability until, in De 1973, ir was plunged i red by the Government restrictions. The comrecovering from that I In the area in which credit is Access, though all 1 companies are appreh calculating the likely ef business of the all-em For the consumer w himself as a financial Dr credit cards are a con way of borrowing much cheaply than hire purch the financial Mr Hyde can bring serious debt a sible disaster. The Int. figures suggest that British consumer is well

> John G Consumer Carrest

The world is still engaged in a massive armanents race designed to insure contaming equivalent strength among potential adversaries. We pledge perseverance and wisdom in our efforts to limit the world's armaments to those necessary for each mation's own domestic safety. We will move this year a step toward our ultimate goal—the elimination of all nuclear weapons from this earth. first President in 1789, and I have just taken my own oath of office on the Bible my mother gave me a few years ago, opened to a timeless admonition from the ancient prophet Micah: "He hath showed thee, O man, what is good. And what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God." (Micah 6:3.) banks: National Westminster, an "easy pay plan", but that Midland, Lloyds and their smaller subsidiaries. Diners Club was started in cashed at American Express can be cashed at American express cashed at American express human dignity must be enhanced. We have learns that "more" is not necessarily "better", that even our great nation has its recognized limits, and that we can neither answer all questions nor solve all problems. We cannot afford to do everything, nor can we afford to lack boldmess as we meet the future. So together, in a spirit of individual sacrifice for the common good, we must element. 7 per cent. Barclaycard and Access charge interest of 2 per cent a cent pay their accounts fully on 1950 in America and went public in Britain in 1964. The old Britain and \$250 abroad. This inauguration ceremony marks a new beginning, a new dedication within our Government, and a new spirit among us all. A President may sense and proclaim that new spirit, but only a people can provide it. We urge all other people to john us, for success can mean life instead of death. instead of death. Within us, the people of the United States, there is evident a serious and purposeful reliabiling of confidence, and I join in the hope that when my time as your President has ended, people might say this about our nation: That we had remembered the words of Macah and renewed our search for humility, mercy and justice; Why the Armed Forces the common good, we must simply

justice; That we had torn down the barriers that separated those of In the current debate on pensions " the [] different race and region and religion, and where there had been mistrust, built usty, with a respect for diversity;
That we had found productive work for those able to perform bureaucrats " have provided a convenient Aunt Sally. The salient principles of the 1971 Act, however, apply to many other categories, among whom are the Armed Forces. Their position needs to be examined in perspective, and for that purpose the Army

work for those able to perform it;

That we had strengthened the American family, which is the basis of our society;

That we had ensured respect for the law, and equal treatment under the law, for the weak and the powerful, the rich and the poor;
And that we had enabled our people to be proud of their own Government once again.

I would hope that the nations of the world might say that we had built a lasting peace, based not on wespons of war but on international policies which reflect our own most precious values.

These are not just my goals, but our common hopes. And they will not be my accomplishments, but the aftirmation of our nation's continuing moral strength and our belief in an undiminished, everenganding American dream.—Reuter. provides an appropriate example. At one period in the Second World War, when serving as a staff officer in the adjutant general's department, it was my lot to be deeply involved in attempts to seek justice as regards pensions—as well as pay and allowances -for all ranks, serving and retired-The plight of many elderly retired regular officers who had served this country well during the Ferst World War was serious, and their widows had been reduced below the Seebohm Rowntree's meagre poverty line by the policies of successive administrations. For the best part of a quarter of a century there had for most of them been no real change from the days typified by a subaltern's pay of 55p a day. I doubt if many would support such lack

of change today. The pay of the Army is apt in most decades to lag behind that of members of militant trade unions, of salaried middle management and of the selfemployed. Unlike the first named, they cannot take industrial action, and unlike the two latter they cannot avoid the constraints of a pay policy by switching jobs (sprouting into the £10,000 a year class) with the aid of "head hunters" or by raising their fees. Moreover, unlike tycoons, pop stars, and high grade professional men, they are unable to take their talents to a Channel Island or to some EEC country with less crushing taxation.

As relatively recently as 1970 Mr
Healey fairly stated "it is clear from a job evaluation exercise that the forces have been seriously underpaid in recent years". Whilst serving they

used to be—and, I gather, still are—

recently given in aid of funding such for senior officers and their we taught, in the light of the way their pensions for teachers. On that basis can the consultations avoid dominated by those who expou taught, in the light of the way their pay is fixed, to regard their persion rights as deferred pay. Is it right to produce that deferred pay in debased produce that deferred pay in debased coinage? Is it proper, or fair to those who joined or continued in a service on the basis of the provision of the 1971 Act, now to repudiare that Act? Some of the same factors apply to, among others, those on the various judicial salary scales—which also normally lag behind both the rates independently assessed to be appropriate and behind the trend of inflation as well. (For a brief spell my own salary was that fixed in 1833.) The same may well also apply to others affected, such as those serving the be met. Treasury.

affected, such as those serving the public in fire brigades, police forces, and the Post Office, whose precise pay structures are unfamiliar to me.

The 1971 Act ended an unhappy era

The 1971 Act ended an unhappy era when increases of Army pensions were erraric in effect, spasmodic in riming, and only achieved by persistent lobbying on behalf of those unable to rely on massive voting power or political muscle. In normal times that Act, passed when inflation was ranning at about 8 per cent, can be said in general to work justice: indeed it was originally widely acclaimed for that reason. It can be looked on too, as providing can be looked on, too, as providing some "swings and roundabouts" compensation for those concerned. In acute crisis times, however, it evokes attack, usually from those who have had advantages denied to members of the Armed Forces. Often, the attack is accompanied by an egalitation side swipe at the bandful who once held the most operous posts—a side swipe that omits to mention that the impact of taxation may result in an ostensible 13.8 per cent rise, producing not more than half that percentage increase in "take home" pentions to the recipient's deep in pension: so the recipient's drop in living standards will be well above the national everage.

Indexagion of pensions is in modern currency conditions clearly essential for members of services devoted to the public weal—unless they are to be told on entry "of course your pensions will be almost worthless twelve years after you retire". Indeed government policy rightly aims at expanding the area of indexation, as witness guarantees pensions for teachers. On that basis two problems have to be solved—what the index kink should be in normal times, and how today's crisis should

The main links so far considered have

the "parity" link. (Those retired in the 1950s or 1960s would get the same pension as those who retire today in the same rank.) This—the fairest—link has been consistently vetoed by the

Treasury.

The "pay increase percentage" link. (Pensions increase annually by the same percentage as the pay of the rank.) This was rejected by the Treasury because normally pay rises faster than prices.

The "rerail prices index" link. This was adopted and is in force.

The "parity" link seems clearly to be not only the fairest but also the least likely to cause confusion and anomalies.
The Treasury, however, having meanly chosen the "retail prices index" link, and having thus for a brief period won and having thus for a brief period won advantage by its use, is now faced with its flaws—including the result that, for the time being, a few recently retired officers are receiving pensions higher than those payable to someone of equivalent rank retiring today.

Any long-term measure designed to extricate the Treasury from the difficulties so ill-advisedly created requires legislation to secure a breach by the Government of bargains made with those who entered into or continued in

those who entered into or continued in its service trusting the provision of the 1971 Act. Such unilateral retrospective repudiation of agreements is

spective repudiation of agreements is not usually regarded as laudable.

What then of temporary measures, in the light of the fact that many retired officers and others wish to take their share in "Dunkirk" improvisations?

The best course would be for an opportunity to join in some suitable voluments. tary waiver scheme that did not prejudice the future of widows. Stopgap legislation, hastily cobbled in emotional conditions, is apt to produce bad results.

If, however, it comes to ten contract-breaking legislation, som cult questions need conside Should such legislation be doct or should it attempt to be fair far should account be taken difference between the theory. difference between the theory incomes policy and the practice, shows for greater percentage gray packets, and in addition "fringe benefits" that can con-"fringe benefits" that can con instance, to merchant seamen I to naval pensioners? Would it benefit to the realm—i am told is possible, Mr Pardoe possis were to result in no officer awarded a pre-tax increase greats that of a sergeant? Should the sury, on a "heads we win, tai lose" basis, select at will the least favourable to the pensione ought ir, upon at last adopting to parity" link, simply to limit it round of payments to those wh round of payments to those wh not yet reached the parity? C there not, after all, sound sense ministerial assertion in July th principle that has commanded a acceptance by the House and by : sive Governments should not be abandoned because of short terr siderations "?

siderations "? Any derogation from constrights derived from statutes regreat care if injustice is to be averaged from the plaint to be done. This country relivolunteers for its Armed Force any further expectant of confider any further erosion of confider their political masters could serious effects. In particular this a to the middle-rank officers of Army, many of the best of who already so much worried as tempted to leave their service for where neither the chances of married reconsticut parties of the chances of married reconsticut parties of the chances of the chanc merited promotion nor its contr rewards are liable to be whittled

Sir Eric S

So, what does the recent report that the Government intends, after consultation, to ebandon for the higher rates of pension the present index link herald

The author, who is a former Justice of Appeal, served as an tant adjutant general in 1941 and to pension the present index link herald

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quest, for freedom, but the hold and brilliant dream which excited the founders of our nation still awaits its consummation. I have no new dream to set forth today, but rather urge a fresh faith in the cold dream. Ours was the first society openly to define itself in terms of both spirituality and of human liberty. It is that unique self-definition which has given us an exceptional appeal—but it also imposes on us a special obligation, to take on those moral duties which, when assumed, seem invariably to be in our own best interests. You have given me a great responsibility—to stay close to you, to be worthy of you, and to exemplify what you are. Let us create together a new national spirit of unity and trust. Your strength can compensate for my weakness, and your wisdom can help to minimize my mistakes. Let us learn together and laugh together, confident that in the end we will triumph together in the right. The American dream endures. We mist once again have full faith in our country—and in one another. I believe America can be better. We can be stronger than before. Let our recent mistakes bring a resurgent commitment to the basic principles of our nation, for we New President's message to the world

Washington, Jan 20

The following is the text of President Carter's special address to the citizens of the world:

I have chosen the occasion of my inauguration as President to speak not only to my own countrymen—which is traditional—but also to you, citizens of the world, who did not participate in our election but who will nevertheless be affected by my decisions.

I also believe that as friends you are entitled to know how the are beginning to work on another, we have, I believe, acquired a more makine perspective on the problems of the world. It is a perspective alone do not have all the answers to the world's problems.

The United States alone cannot lift from the world the textion of the world. It is a perspective on the world is a perspective on the world. It is a perspective on the world. It is a pers my inauguration as President to speak not only to my own country-men—which is traditional—but also to you, clitzens of the world, who did not participate in our election but who will nevertheless be affected by my decisions. I also believe that as friends you are entitled to know how the power and influence of the United States will be exercised by its new.

order.
We will not seek to dominate nor dictate to others. As we Americans have concluded one

are entitled to know how the power and influence of the United States will be exercised by its new Government.

I want to assure you that the relations of the United States with the other countries and peoples of the world will be guided during our administration by our desire to shape a world order that is more responsive to human aspirations. The United States will meet its obligation to help create a stable, just and peaceful world order.

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resolve international differences in a spirit of cooperation.

The problems of the world will not be easily resolved. Yet the wellbeing of each and every one of us—indeed our mutual survival—depends on their resolution. As President of the United States, I can assure you that we intend to do our part. I ask you to join us jn a common effort based on mutual trust and mutual respect. join with others in this work. The United States can and will take the lead in such efforts.

In these endeavours we need your help, and we offer ours. We need your wisdom. We need your active participation in a joint effort to move the reality of the world closer to the ideals of human freedom and dignity.

As friends, you can depend on the United States to be in the forefront of the search for world peace. You can depend on the United States to remain steadist in its commitment to human freedom and liberty. And you can also depend on the United States to be sensitive to your own concerns and aspirations, to welcome your advice, to do its utmost to resolve international differences in a spirit of cooperation.

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estyle absidy for pig producers: prices pork and bacon will not Il but supplies should be secured

vernment are to introduce a ary subsidy to help pig pro-Mr John Silkin, Minister of ture, Fisheries and Food, ced during question time. sid: The method of calculatmonetary compensatory s on our imports of bacon ther pigmeat should be.

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United Kingdom, I have
d to the EEC Council of
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e meantime our producers ing very real difficulties. ing very read defficulties, uphterings are at a disturbgh level and the breeding being run down. The risk to supplies is obvious. The near have therefore to introduce a temporary of 5.50 per kiloman dead of 5.5p per kilogram dead-(50p per score) on pigs under terms and condiimilar to those which under previous subsidy

necessary administrative nents are being made with o accepting pigs for certifi-om Monday, January 31. eye that this action will be d by all concerned in the

rael Latham (Melton, C)my help is welcome. Mr as been fiddling around for long on this one. Since hog rs are currently losing up ar pig, how much will the he has announced reduce

in—I thought Mr Latham e a little light in his gratde is quite wrong on the in November I had converwith the then Agriculture

lation of 8 per cent.

I had hoped the Commission and the Council of Ministers would come to what I believe is the fairer market with the council of the cou method of recalculation at the

December meeting of the Council.
That, unfortunately, did not
happen. Failing that this was the
earliest time I could have taken the
measures. I have taken them and niessures. I have taken them and informed the House at the earliest possible moment.

The 50p a score means in average subsidy per pig of £3.50. This has been calculated on what the efficient pig producer should require to make his pig production profitable.

Mr Anthony Newton (Braintree,

C)—We all join in welcoming this statement but it is a great worry that it has taken so long. A great deal of damage has been done to confidence. Will the minister reussure the House that this kind of delay and damage to confidence. delay and damage to confidence will not be allowed to happen

Mr Silkin-The granting of a direct subsidy in the way I have announced is not without its diffi-culties, I would have much pre-ferred a recalculation of the pig-

Mr John MacGregor (South Nor-folk, C)—Will Mr Silkin answer about heavy hogs. This has serious implications for food manufac-turers and therefore employment

in this industry.

Will this be enough to deal with the heavy hog situation? If he is unable to get agreement on the MCAs, is that partly because he is unwilling to devalue the green pound? Can he give an assurance that this subside will continue until that this subsidy will continue until he does so?
Mr Silkin—It is rather like giving a copy of Rayden on divorce to a

newly married couple. I have only just announced the subsidy; let us wait and see.
This is a subsidy based on the pig producer, but it will have its effect right through the production cycle. It will, I hope, have a signi-

jobs and, I trust, be of benefit to Mr John Peyton, Opposition spokesman on agriculture (Yeovil. C)—We are surprised at the extent

Is he not aware of just how lone we have had to wait for action and even words from him on this sub-

ject while the pig industry was being virtually destroyed? What does he intend to do about securing an early change in the arrangements for calculating MCAs? He lost a valuable oppor-tunity earlier on by not agreeing to a slight devaluation of the green pound to bring this about.

Mr Silkin-Mr Peyton has addressed his mind to this question in his usual picturesque language. On many occasions I have told the House exactly what the difficulties were. I have tried to keep them fully in the picture on recalculating MCAs and why it was the best method of doing it. If he says I have been lacking in words he should look at the appropriate references in Hansard.

The slight devaluation of the green pound would be accompanied by an equally slight, but exactly equal, increase to pig producers in the price of their foodstuffs. There would have been no benefit whatsoever.

Mr Thomas Torney (Bradford, South, Lab)—I am surprised at the gall of the Opposition in trying to criticize when, at the same time, they are calling for cuts in public expenditure. How much will his action benefit hard-pressed consumers who have to buy pork or hardm? bacon?

Mr Silkin—I do not want to make excessive claims. Pork and bacon prices are lower than they have been. The purpose of my proposal is to safeguard supplies for the consumer. It would be foolish and quite dishopourable to claim it

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: Leader of the House (Mr Foot) had announced the for next week.

cus Lipton (Lambeth, Lab) said: It has taken y and night sittings to f one clause of the Scot-Wales Bill, and there are es and 16 schedules in the Foot should consider the y, as some of us are bit fed up with this Bill of appointing a committee g only of those MPs who toeak on this Bill and send

stairs. (Laughter.) (Ebbw Vale, Lab)-I note the circumstances Mr Lindescribed, but also the y of his suggestion. I canve that is the right way to : a constitutional Bill of e. I am certainly noting nstances of the time we i. (Shouts of "Oh ".) ress on the Scotland and 11. Some of us would - a timetable motion than prospect of an endless lebates on every possible

-Progress on this Bill has tly been at breakneck will certainly look at the d the considerations that presents are among will have to take into

oberts (Conway, C)—On nd and Wales Bill be blish that promised secous that promises sec-og with a referendum. who have put their faith vernment's promise are to get embarrassed by riness. This should be before any timetable

There is no question of and no reason why Mr anyone else inside or Bouse should attempt my qualifications on the gs of the Government. e would put down a new leal with the promise of um. The House will have

runity to discuss it. Davies, Opposition on foreign affairs C)—When are we get the BHI on direct o the European Parlia-e foot-dragging of the it on this question is a severe concern not only

The Government have a promise that the Bill available forthwith. We ragging any promise.

debate . I night

Clause of the Scotland Bill was carried by 132 o five—Government o five—Government 127, at the end of the thit sitting of the come of the Bill. The means 115 clauses and 16 The committee stage norming having started 30 pm on Wednesday. t clause declares that the government of Scot-wales as parts of the gdom do not affect the le United Kingdom or le authority of Parlia-ike laws for the United

vative amendment, with lated amendments were which stated that the provisions in the n any way affecting the te United Kingdom or the authority of Parlia-ejected by 151 votes to ament majority, 23. It ebated for eight and a

sh Nationalist amend ig that the devolved or erosion by the ngdom, save with the the assemblies, was y 146 votes to 14—t majority, 132.

British Rail hope to hold fares steady at least until the autumn

Mr William Rodgers, Secretary of State for Transport (Teesside, Stockton, Lab), opening a debate on transport policy, said he was planning to publish a White Paper on transport policy about May. The Government had made

substantial switch in expenditure away from road to public transport. The share of public expendlture which went on roads had been reduced from 71 per cent in 1973-74 to 53 per cent in the current year. Much of the increase for public

much of the increase for public transport had been in higher levels of subsidy for road and rail, to keep services going, to hold fares down, and for concessionary fares. With limited resources they had to consider whether the rising sub-sidies could continue and whether more should not go into investment for the future with less for subsidy and higher fares. Subsidy to fares was often right, especially when it had a redistributive affect i. (Shouts of "Oh ".)

Ogden (Liverpool, West
b)—Is Mr Foot satisfied

subsidies were redistributive in this way towards the less privi-leged.

Investment schemes, whether in investment schemes, whether in road, rail or docks, must be vigorously scrutinized to make sure they provided the best return on the national resources available

They had to take full account of the social objectives of transport policy, the needs people had not only to get to work but also for leisure. This meant maintenance of an effective public transport sys-

Public transport was essential for a large minority, including many of the old and the young both in urban and rural areas.

There was also the environmental factor which was not a matter of economic growth or social objectives. The appearance of towns and of the countryside and the quality of life generally were greatly affected by policies for public transport, for roads and the traffic using them. traffic using them.

As a result of the statement by the Chancellor of the Exchequer on December 15 there had been a reduction of £13m in support for the railways, still leaving £416m in me railways, sail leaving ration in central government support in 1977-78. The chairman of the board had assured him that this saving tould be achieved by reduction in costs and it would not of itself require additional fare increases in 1977. All things being equal, the rest was that they should achieve an industry working at maximum require additional fare increases in 1977. All things being equal, the

the present level at least until the

The consultation document repeated proposals for a national system of lorry routes to ensure maximum use was made of the country's better roads.

Their consulcations had shown there was less enthusiasm for that particular idea than might have been expected from among local authorities and environmental groups. There was a growing awareness that the environmental impact of heavy lorries tended to creete a series of local problems requiring local consultations.

He would continue to give much thought to the problems caused by heavy lorries. They must continue to seek to minimize the environ-mental problems by building such new roads by-passing towns and continuing efforts to make lorries quieter and less smelly, and by encouraging local authorities to use their traffic management powers to tackie local problems.

Mr Norman Fowler, Opposition spokesman on transport (Sutton Coldfield, C), said the trouble with so much of the present transport debate was that it was dominated by the rival rail and road lobbies. Too often it was a matter of the providers of transport pleading

their own case.

This was all right so long as it was also recognized that the two most important people in the transport debate were the user of transport and the taxpayer. Transport policy should above all seek to meet their letterests.

There was a curious divergence of policy. In road haulage Britain had one of the most liberal licens-ing systems in the world with the result that the private sector road hadlage industry was highly com-petitive and efficient. In the case of passenger transport, there was a licensing system which prevented new services naturally developing and was patently out of date.

No party would contemplate making policy which omitted those without cars. Likewise he saw no reason why car owners should be missed out. Yet the Labour Party was committed by its 1974 manifes-to to make the nation less depen-

dent upon the private car. The future for the railways rested not only in the hands of the Government, but in the hands of those working in the industry itself. What was in the public in-terest was that they should achieve

r Foot should live up to and let us have the Bill Contact rather than boycott and isolation

Mr Richard Luce (Shoreham, C)—
In view of the considerable public discussion about the role of the United Kingdom in relation to countries which abuse human rights, will the Prime Minister express his view on this matter? Does he agree that we are more likely to influence other countries in the way we most want by a policy of contact rather than a policy of boycott and isolation?

Mr James Callaghan—To give a complete answer I would wish to reflect a little longer. The general position is that contact is good. It is good between government and government and between individ-uals but there are always particular cases that arise out of those princi-

On human rights, I have made clear many times since the signing of the Helsinki agreement that there are ways of approaching the other signatories on this matter.
One is by way of Government approach. That should not necessarily be publicized or appear to be

a gesture.

The other is the public expression of general public option on these matters for which the Government take no responsibility.

Both methods are the right way of pursuing what I assume we all want—that everybody throughout the civilized world should be able to feel they can more in necession.

Everybody throughout the civilized world should be able to feel they could move in peace, dignity and under the rule of law, the Prime Minister talk to the Secretary of State for Minister said at question time.

Mr Richard Luce (Shoreham, C)—
In view of the considerable public employees have been dismissed, many of them alter a lifetime of service, in direct conflict to three ter just enunciated?

Mr Callaghan—The Opposition are in some difficulty about the closed shop having read the statement in their new policy document. I think they will find it is difficult to carry it out. I would urse him to hear in it out. I would urge him to bear in mind that it was only yesterday that a new chapter was inaugurat-ed between the Conservative Party and the trade union movement. Mrs Mille Miller (Redbridge,

liford, North, Lab)—Regarding human rights, heinous crimes are being committed in some countries which have extreme right-wing governments. Will be bear in mind the need to ensure that although we carry on trade contacts with them they are aware all the time of our views of their behaviour in relation to human rights?

Mr Callaghan—Yes. She expresses it exactly. In the case of South Africa we have made clear that we accept the United Nations' decisions on these matters in relation to the supply of arms. We have maintained a flow of trade between our pur countries. Our relations of pursuing what I assume we all our two countries. Our relations want—that everybody throughout there are cool and they are certainly not of the degree of warmth to feel they can move in peace and dignity and under the rule of law.

Britain ready to act alone to conserve fish stocks

culture, Fisheries and Food, out-lined four urgent measures the Government want to take to pro-tect Britain's fish stocks.

Mr Richard Luce (Shoreham, C) had asked if Mr Silkin was sat-isfied with the position of British fishing interests in the light of the latest negotiations with the EEC. Mr Silkin (Lewisham, Deptford, Lab) said: Negotiations on a number of important issues are continuing affecting the future of the common disheries policy. Dis-cussion has so far centred mainly on fishing by non-member countries in the waters of Community states and on conservation measures. Good progress is being

achieved on the first of these

conservation

measures, our object has been to obtain agreement to the urgent introduction of specific conservation measures needed to conserve the fish stocks on which the future of the British industry depends. While we have agreed the temporary standstill in catch and not to introduce new conservation measures on a national basis in January, it would be dangerous to allow the present situation in which there is no adequate control on fishing to continue indefinitely The four most urgent measures are a ban on herring fishing in the North Sea; a restriction of the area in which Norway pout may he taken at the expense of white fish stocks; a stricter control on catches; and a prohibition on the

carrying of nets of different mesh sizes on the same voyage. We are informing the Commis-sion that these are the measures sion that these are the measures which we see as the most urgent.

on a Community basis, but if this and resist appearement from is not possible then we are entitled under The Hague agreement to overwhelming support of everyone under The Hague agreement to introduce them ourselves.
Mr Luce—Is he aware that among

the inshore fishermen there is a deep sense of disappointment not only with the Government but the EEC that they have not fully un-derstood that the quota system has completely broken down largely owing to the abuse by other countries, notably Belgion?

In view of alarming reports that in today's Financial Times there is a difference of opinion between the minister and the Foreign Secrerary and that the Foreign Secretary may be rather weak in the negotia-tions in Brussels, can Mr Silkin assure us that in the last resort he will be prepared to take unilateral action to conserve British fish Mr Silkin-On the newspaper

reports on differences of opinion or divergencies between the or divergencies between the Foreign - Secretary and me, of course there are differences on the basis of our two departments and it is inevitable that there should The Foreign Secretary has obviously to look at the wider aspects of external relations and I

to the rather more technical matters and I suppose it is always possible to say that is a divergence. I assure him we stand ready to introduce our own conservation measures if the EEC do not do so. I have said that on a number of occasions including the second reading of the Fisheries Limits Bill.

Mr Dougias Jay (Wandsworth, Battersea, North, Lab)—As long as Mr Silkin continues to do his job

in this Kouse.

Mr Silkin-I am grateful to him for that. I notice that the House is always very much alive and awake, even after an all-night sitting.

Mr Robert Adley (Christchurch and Lymington, C)—Many of my constituents are particularly conmethods of Russian and East Euro-pean fishermen off the south coast. Will the defence cuts hamper or duing their best to police our

Mr Silkin-I am pretty satisfied

that the fishery protection measures we have will be sufficient to deal with that question. I say "pretty satisfied" because we are in a new situation and it is unfair just to say how it is going to work our while is in its conference. out while it is in its early stages. I warned the House that was likely to be the case perhaps for a few weeks or months. Mr Enoch Powell (South Down,

approach to the defence of British interests is appreciated outside as well as inside this House. Will be tell the EEC that another urgent matter is the entrusting of the enforcement of the quotas on limitations on fishing within British extended waters both by EEC and non-EEC boats to licensing by the United Kingdom Government? Mr Silkin-I think the question of

in the effort quota system rather than the catch quota system which is fundamental to the industry?

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If negotiation with the EEC fail will be recommend to the Cabinet a unilateral exclusive zone around our coasts?

Mr Sikin—On the first part of his question, I know he is trying to be kind, but he will not be able to draw too much of a wedge between the negotiating prowess of the Foreign Office and my poor negotiating powers.

On the coastal belt, my position and the position of the Govern-ment remains exactly as it was and this is what we believe necessary. I agree with him on the effort quota limitation. Mr James Johnson (Kingston upon

Mr James Johnson (Kingston upon Hull, West, Lab)—The whole atmosphere of the situation is different to anything in the past because for the first time we have a Dane negotiating for us on our behalf which is contrary to all our past history and experience. Will he, of all ministers, be most open about this whole matter and tell the House, as he is doing today, and also meet his backbenchers at every opportunity, because outside the House, and inside, there is this feeling of uncertainty? feeling of uncertainty?

Mr Silkin—I readily give hint that assurance. I have a lot to learn and I am not too proud to admir it. Those who have fishing constituencies, in particular, can help me and teach me in this job I am doing. Mr David Mudd (Falmouth and

Camborne, C)—There are great fears in the Cornesh inshore fishing Mr Patrick Wall Haltemprice, fears in the Cornish inshore fishing C)—We have considerably more industry as violations of fishing belief in Mr Silkin's negotiating grounds are more likely to come

from our so-called European partners than from other forces. Would he enlist for once the active support of the EEC for set-ting up an EEC fisheries protection squadron in the hope that with this involvement in protection they will realize our reasons for prohi-

Mr Silkin-There needs to be a great deal of protection of all those fishing in the waters, protection against whether they are EEC colleagues or even our own

We have to conserve stocks of fish in our sovereign waters. If there were unlimited supplies of fish one would not need quotas or conservation and anyone could ome and take them; but unfortunately that is not the case.

Mr John Peyton, Opposition spokesman on agriculture, fish-eries and food (Yeovil, C)—Catch quotas do not work and they are unenforceable and command the respect of nobody.

Will Mr Silkin consult his appropriate colleague as to how be is going to put teeth into whatever policy is arrived at because the problem of enforcement is going to be of a different order and much more difficult than before?

Mr Silkin—I fully accept both points. I was impressed by the effort limitations and I believe this is the best way. It is ludicrous to draw pretty lines on a chart and say these are our sovereign waters and not deal with enforcement. But I hope the House will be sym-pathetic because this is new. We-have to treat it as a test period to see how it works. I hope it will

Marketing boards likely to be retained

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is determined to retain the essential functions of the marketing boards for orderly marketing in this country, Mr Gavin Strang, Parliamentary Secretary to the Department, said. Some MPs who attended the European Parliament had been trying to interest that body in extending marketing boards to other member states. Mr Neil Marten (Banbury, C) had asked whether the minister had any proposals to change the inter-vention system.

As the common agricultural policy (he went on) has been responsible for so much justified ridicule about the Common Market as a whole, is there any good reason why the Common Market should not continue even if the CAP was abolished and we had our own national policy? Surely the Common Market could still go on with its important job of harmonizing puree of chestness, smoked cell and so on without the CAP. so on without the CAP. (Laughter.)

Mr Strang—Much of the common agricultural policy is not essential to the philosophy and framework of the European Community, but in the short term we must continue to press for a change in situations whereby we have costly over-production in commodities such as milk.

Mr Ioan Evans (Aberdare, Lab)— Would he try to end the CAP altogether in the case of Britain and seek to revert to the system where we can give a guaranteed price to the farmers? The housewives of this country have bene-fited by low food prices and there is growing discontent about the effects of the CAP on prices in this

Mr Strang-He has some force in his point about guaranteed prices. The variable premium we have established for beef represented in that commodity a return to something near the old regime, that is the practice of deficiency payments and guaranteed prices without fullscale intervention.

We have a long way to go and one of the central misuses of resources which exist in the Community is a direct consequence of the CAP policy of over-pricing.

Mr Nigel Spearing (Newham, South, Lab)—The entire House supports the marketing board sys-tem. Would it not help the probiem of European agriculture fo the CAP to adopt many of those systems and will he press this upon his colleagues in the Council? Mr Strang—He has raised an important point and I want to reassure him of the minister's determination to retain the essential functions of the marketing boards for orderly marketing in this country. Some of our backbench collea-gues who are members of the European Parliament have been trying to interest their European counterparts in this issue of

extending marketing boards to other member states.

Corporation cut deficit to £16m

Mr William Rodgers, Secretary of State for Transport (Teesside, Stockton, Lab), moving the second reading of the Transport (Financial Provisions) Bill, said that the transport element in the Bill was concerned with payments to support the Insses of the British Railways Board and the National Freight Corporation.

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The grants to do this were already being paid on the authority of the Appropriation Act but it had been the practice of the House in provide specific authority for grants of that kind.

The grants to do this were helped by the full cooperation which management had icceived from the trade unions. The corporation was expected to record a trading profit of about fam in 1976 compared with a trading loss of the first first lighted. Arrangements made under the Railways Act 1974, had resulted in

costs imposed on the railway by rail freight and passenger ousiness being separately identified. The expectation at that time was wat rail freight business on the new basis would be able to break even. That had nursed out to be outlines. That had turned out to be optimisrice and rail freight business, with price restraint, cost increases and recession in the economy, had proved to have a substantial deficit.

Rail freight business was beavily dependent on the traffic of heavy industries like coal and steel which were most heavily affected by depression, but with the cooperaion of the trade unions the board non or the trade timons me obara had been able to seek to reduce the cost. They had contained the requirement for grant for 1976 to \$40m. That was progress in the right direction.

right direction.

The Bill provided specific authority for the grapt in 1977. It identified the terms and conditions of the remaining payment and enabled him to provide a total amount not exceeding £45m. This ceiling was consistent with the provision of £30m envisaged in the last White Paper on public expend-

iture.
The remaining £15m which was authorized to make up the total of 545m was needed because of the rate at which support accrued and the actual payment to the board.

Difficulties had been experienced by two of National Freight Corporation's subsidiaries, National Carriers and Freight Liners. Both companies were part of British Rail until 1968 and both.

like British Rail, had been budy hit by the combined effects of the economic recession and inflation. A further problem area was the corporation's subsidiaries. NFC had not only a statutory right to acquire companies but it was only right that they should have freedom to take commercial opportunities.

dom to take commercial opportunities.

In the case of the European subsidiaries, the NFC took a business risk. The essence of their strategy was to bring together and rationalize the existing companies but the recession in Europe affected the whole operation. The oil crisis in particular affected the two largest French companies which were in the tank haulage business.

business.

He took the view that while believing strongly in a mixed economy, it was right that the public sector, within reasonable constraints laid down by Parliament, should have the opportunity to take risks. He believed the NFC, though no doubt wiser as a result of its experience, should not be inhibited in the exercise of their business judgment.

called for vigorous management learning the lessons which were necessary both to improve the im-mediate position and to look at the whole structure and strategy of the corporation. The measures the NFC had taken had already brought about a considerable im-provement. The board had been helped by the full cooperation

in 1976 compared with a tradicing loss of £7m for its United Kingdom companies in 1975. The picture for some of the corporation's major activities was encouraging, notably the British Road Services group, which had another record year, and Pickford's heavy heavy.

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Nevertheless, when overheads and interest charges were taken into account, the corporation would still have a substantial total loss for 1976—likely to be about £16m. He would not wish to cis-miss that sum as insignificant, but they should hear in mind that the they should bear in mind that the loss in the previous year was £3!m and it was an indication of how quickly the position was being turned round.

Clearly further cash support would be needed and Clause 2 of the Bill provided auditional transitional support within the limit of 550m. limit of 550m.

Grant provided only a temporary respite. He would not be prepared

to rest simply on the improvement that had been seen, welcome though it was, and the provisions of this Bill. He was currently examining not only the result of the consultants' review but also the conversation's own compares plan corporation's own corporate plan which he received last mouth. Mr Norman Fowler, Opposition

spokesman on transport (Sutton Coldfield, C), said the Opposition considered there was no justification for a freight subsidy and this was also the declared position of the Government.

The Bill provided for freight subsidies of up to £95m. The House was being asked to vote this money on the basis of a minimum of was being asked to vote this money on the basis of a minimum of information. Freight operations were treated favourably within British Rail's accounting system and the problem might be more of a freight and less of a passenger problem than the accounts showed.

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Fares and subsidies kept going up. British Rail must produce accounts which the House could use as a reliable guide to policy-making. Their current accounts did not do this and appeared to misstate the position. The House did not know what the true deficit was.

The National Freight Corporation had received millions of pounds in grants. It had also been said that a reorganization or restructuring was taking place and the Government might come to the House for further money. So the past few years must be examined. House for further money. So the past few years must be examined. The NFC had a record loss in 1974 but last year that was reduced from £31m to £15m, a welcome improvement. The NFC's future prospects were greatly relevant, as was past performance.

The NFC had bought five French road haulage companies, concentrating on the bulk transport of petroleum and chemical products

and involving 600 vehicles in France. What had been referred to in the annual report as "decisive action" to "contain the position" after this disastrous entry into the French market was, in fact, the closing down of the busi-

The question was: what was the loss involved? In the NFC 1975 report the closure costs were estimated at £5m but at November 1975 the subsidiaries had a trading loss of £5.4m.

So they were talking in terms of film. Money had also been written off for acquisition of goodwill. So the total loss was between film and film. One of the biggest losses in 1975 had, therefore, nothing to do with pensions or freight travel or even the parcels industry.

It came direct (he said) from a disastrous entry into the French market. We see no reason why the British taxpayer should be asked to fork out millions of pounds in this way. I do not regard it as a task of the NFC to rationalize the petrochemical market of France when there is enough rationalization to

har from sending (Leicester, East, Lab) said that the freight liner business was coming back strongly and it was the only national freight organization to increase business substantially against the trend in transport in 1976. It had turned a loss of film in 1975 into a profit of 61 3m in 1976.

Mr Nicholas Ridley (Cirencester and Tewkesbury, C) said the National Freight Corporation should be told that next year it must make 17 per cent on its capital, the going rate, and that if it did not, something unfavourable would happen to management. Mr Iau Gow (Eastbourne, C) said in six of the eight years of the NFC's existence there had been a loss. In six years out of eight the statutory duty laid upon the cor-poration had been breached.

It was time to stop handing out loans, grants and subsidies to a public sector which would only serve the nation's needs if it was subjected to chose disciplines to which the private sector was inev-itably subject.

Mr Roger Moate (Faversham, C), for the Opposition, said manage-ment was only likely to be as good as the financial disciplines that of subsidy for freight, and that was only part of the story. The total figure for Government support for 1975, 1976 and 1977 was likely to

be between 5200m and £250m.

Mr Kenneth Marks, Under Secretary for the Environment (Manchester, Gorton, Lab), said the Bhilgave authority for a grant to be paid up to a maximum of £50m.

This might well all be needed because the figure was based on an assessment of the National Freight Corporation's likely cash flow needs. Any costs for reconstruction or reorganization of the corporatiod would be in addition to this figure.

Improvements in National Freight | Speaker to rule on privilege issue

Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab) raised with the Speaker the matter of a statement from Alma for Freedom and Enterprise, sent

He said that the matter related to the case between the Attorney General and the Law Lords. The leaflet sent round by Aims for Freedom and Enterprise, commonly known as Aims of Industry (be said) refers to the Attorney General's statement as "Absolu-tely unacceptable". Mr Skinger then read the contents

of the leaflet to the House, noting that "blantant" was spelt "bla-tent" and that "as" was mis-printed as "is" in the last paragraph but one.
It read:
"Attorney General's statement.

absolutely unacceptable', states aims ". "Absolutely unacceptable is the verdict of Aims for Freedom and Enterprise on Attorney General Sam Silkin's attack on the appeal court judges today.
Speaking for 3,000 companies and federations, Aims Director Michael Ivens said: It is many

bundreds of years since there has been such a blatant assault by a politician on the legal processes of this country. The fact that it has been offered by a weak and shilly-ing Minister does not make it less. offensive.

"'We have now reached the stage when tuppence-harpenny politicians feel they can ride roughshod over any inconvenient

roughshod over any inconvenient laws, especially if those laws affect their paymasters, the trade unions.

"Britain has now arrived at the stage when it must have a Bill of Rights, and that very quickly indeed." He said that the leaflet ended
"Further information: Peter
Thompson" and gave some telephone numbers.

phode numbers.

The leaflet had been received by MPs that morning and he was advised that it could be a breach of privilege or contempt of court. He had raised it for those reasons.

The Speaker (Mr George Thomas) said that following general practice he would give his ruling tumorrow (Friday).

Next week-Business in the House of Commons MONDAY: Water Charges Equalization Bill second reading Truss AAY and WEDNESDAY: Scotland and Value Bill, committee stage. THURSDAY: Debate on crimo prevention THURSDAY: Debate on crime prevention.
FRIDAY: Insurance Brokers: Hegistre
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Business in the House of Lords
MONDAY: Patents Bill. Second reading.
TUESDAY: Criminal Law Bill, and Marrage (Sectiand: Bill, committee Stage.
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WEDNESDAY; Debate on the economic
situation.

this figure.

The Bill was read a second time by 181 votes to 148—Government majority, 33. Vehicle testing

SHURSDAY, Criminal Low Bill commit-tus Slago.

Lord Chancellor bows to law lords on Bill's drafting

A subsection on conspiracy in the Criminal Law Bill was "the use of the obscure to conceal the un-necessary". Lord Morris of Borthy-Gest, said when the Bill was considered in committee. On Clause 1 (Offence of conspir-

acy) he moved an amendment to remove the subsection which stated "for a person to be guilty of conspiracy ... in relation to a particular offence both he and the other person or persons with whom he agrees must intend to bring about any consequence which is an element of that offence, even where the offence in question may where the offence in question may be committed without that consequence actually being intended by the person committing it ".

He said the subsection was unnecessary and the Bill would be better without it. The Law Commission had said they aimed to bring it about that conspiracy should only be an offence if the object of the agreement was itself a criminal offence.

The commission had stated: "It

The commission had stated: "It is not merely desirable but obligatory that legal rules imposing serious criminal sanctions should be stated with the maximum clarity which the imperfect medium of language can attain". If something was in an Act dealing with an important branch of the law, the law of conspiracy, the

words would have to be consi-dered, read and followed not only by the judges but by members of the Bar, solicitors, magistrates and all those who advised magistrates. Viscount Dilhorne, a Lord of Appeal, said the provision was inserted for the purposes of clarification and emphasis but it was precisely the opposite of what the Law Commission intended. It is not (he said) perhaps unu-sual for Lords of Appeal not to be

unanimous in a particular matter, but I think, with regard to the inclusion in this Bill of this subsec-tion, the Lords of Appeal in this House are unanimous: it is unnecessary and undesirable.

Lord Salmon had asked him to say that the Bill would be im-

his name to the amendment; and Lord Justice Lawton had asked him to say the subsection was not only unnecessary but extremely dangerous and damaging. The Lord Chancellor (Lord Elwyn-Jones) said in view of the quality, weight and dimensions of the criti-cism he was disposed to accept the amendment. They were dealing with one of the most difficult branches of criminal law, the

law of conspiracy.
What was sought in the Bill was a process of codifying the law, a task which Parliament had imposed on the Law Commission. It had conspiracy, limiting the statutory offence to conspiracy to commit a criminal offence, subject to two common law offences, conspiracy to cheat and defraud and to corrup; public morals. Those matters were left for later treatment. What was intended was that the law should require full intention and knowledge to be established

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before conspiracy could be applied to a wide range of offences, Conspiracy had been much criticized as the great dragnet of criminal law. The subsection might not achieve its intention and in so far as it has sought to do so, it was a gigantic intellectual puzzle. The amendment was agreed to. Lord Beaumont of Whitley (L) moved an amendment to Clause 5 (Abolitions, savings and consequential amendments and repeals)

to delete the subsection providing that the clause should "not affect the offence of conspiracy at common law if and in so far as it may be committed by entering into an agreement to engage in conduct which: (a) tends to corrupt, undermine or otherwise injure public morals or affronts or outrages public decency; but (b) would not amount to or involve the commission of an offence if carried out by a single person otherwise than in pursuant of an agreement".

The TUC objected that this was not the way to deal with alleged (line said) and controls which the law at present imposed. These were matters which: (a) tends to control, underthink of, because the TUC and think of, because the TUC and think of, because the TUC and the trade unions were determined to get a change in the law. I am sure that had that insistence not amendment recommended, would introduce more uncertainty into a part of the law which had already been criticized for not being cartain enough.

Lord Goodman said they were proved if the subsection was left out, Lord Edmund-Davies had put

He said it was common ground that the offence under common law of conspiracy where there was no substantive crime, should be abolished, but there was no reason at all on the face of it why any exception should be made in senat all on the face of it why any exception should be made in general for conspiracy to corrupt morals or outrage public decency. This was an area where the Law Commission in its report was particularly strong in its criticisms.

The Minister of State, Home Office, had told them that because the Covernment had been unable to find time to incorporate the

to find time to incorporate the recommendations of Part III of the Law Commission report they should not for the time being remove those particular offences. This amendment was introduced to challenge the conclusion that they should leave these offences in existence for the time being. Lord Houghton of Sowerby said there was an element of politics in the situation. If the TUC were as keen on public morals as they were

on removing the charge of public conspiracy from the Shrewsbury Two, there would be something more in the Bill. more in the Bill.

The Bill created a statutory offence of conspiracy to replace what was regarded as an objectionable application of the common law to the conduct of building workers up and down the country during the building strike.

Lord Goodman said they were being asked to preserve an anomalous exception. It was of the first importance that where one moved into the area of public morality the offence should be clearly defined otherwise

one was moving into an area of great doubt and uncertainty.

Lord Harris of Greenwich, Minister of State. Home Office, said he acknowledged that there was disappositionent in many parts of the House that a Bill to reform the law of conspiracy left intact offences which had been widely criticized. But in the Government's view it was less satisfactory to try to separate conspiracles relating to public morals from the laws on obscenity, indecency and censorship generally than to deal with them separately from the general law on conspir-

There, had been substantial

anxiety expressed over a long period about the present state of period about the present state of the law on obscenity. The question was whether the House dealt with the narrow aspect of the question covered by the amendment or allowed the departmental committee which had been set to look into the whole question, as the Government processed.

The amendment was withdrawn. The committee stage was adjourned. House adjourned. 7.28 pm.

Parliamentary notices ment proposed.

In the Government's view it was mosatisfactory to nibble at the law, as proposed in the amendment, months on NEB quidelines, manifest on NEB quidelines, manifest on privy philosophics.

Lord Hallsham of St Marylebone said the question was whether they were going deliberately to flout the Law Commission. He was backing

the commission. Viscount Dilhorne said it was dis-tressing that the House should not be able to deal firmly and positive-ly with this important question. Conspiracy to corrupt public morals had been for years the most controversial part of the law on conspiracy.

It was unhappy that further delay was to take place before the matter was cleared up by the appointment of another committee however eminent.

It was monstrous how the Home Office clung to its responsibility for the formulation of criminal-law. Let them deal with prisoners, if they could, and with the prison service, but they should leave law-reform to the lawyers and not to civil servants at the Home Office. The amendment was withdrawn. The committee stage was

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Lord's act to remove slur cast at Madras

The Cricket Council have rejected suggestions that John Lever, the England fast bowler, was indulging in sharp practice when he wore gauze strips with Vaseline adhesive over his eyebrows in the recent Madras Test.

Lever and Bob Willis were named in the council's statement issued last night. But it was Lever, the Essex left arm bowler, whom the Indian captain, Bishen Bedi, prinicipally suspected of using

the Indian captain, Bishen Bedi, prinicipally suspected of using grease from the gauze to polish the ball. The Indian Board of Control impounded both the ball and the gauze strips. While the Test was still in progress, they stated that they were "unable to come to a conclusion as to whether the intermious of the bowier were deliberate or not".

Their counterparts at Lord's were in no doubt yesterday. Their The Cricket Council have been



"The Cricket Council have been in communication with the manager and captain of the MCC team with regard to the highly publicized incident in Madras. The Council has fully accepted the explanation given that the wearing of gauze strips by both Willis and Lever was wholly to prevent sweat getting into their eyes. Whilst they may have caused an inadvertent, technical breach of the law, the council totally rejects the inference that the individuals concerned, or the England team, were indulging an any form of 'sharp practice'."

The incident occurred towards the end of India's first innings with two more to fatter incident occurred towards the end of India's first innings with two more to the manager and captain of the MCC physiotheratics. Lever had taken three wickets before using the gauze, and after the gauze strips for the fast bowlers, but Lever discarded his after one over. Bedi, one of the battomen, pointed this out to the limited that Lever had used similater incident occurred towards the end of India's first innings.

Underwood turns towards top From John Woodcock

Cricket Correspondent Madras, Jan 20
This will be mostly in praise of Derek Underwood, the bowler whose relemites persistence has had so much to do with England's

nad so much to do with England's victory in India. In three Test matches I am not sure that he has bowied a thoroughly loose ball and, to those who say that that is because his bowling lacks variety, let the view of one of the Indian batsmen—" his length is like a Chinese torture"—serve as a rejoinder.

Underwood has taken 234 Test wickets and at the age of 31 he

Underwood has taken 234 Test wickets and at the age of 31 he is still in his prime. He could even be coming to it. In the match just finished he passed Lindwall's total of 228. Ahead of him now are Sobers (235), Bedser (236), McKenzie (246), Benaud (248), Stratham (252), Trueman (307) and Gibbs (309). Of these, Sobers and Bedser will probably Sobers and Bedser will probably be passed in Bangalore, and Mc-Kemzie, Benaud and Statham later this year. As Underwood is bowling, it is a matter only of time before he climbs to be top of the list.

list.

There have been days in England, furing the last two or three seasons, when he has looked to have lost something. The reason for that, I think, has been the weight of work he has had to do. He as been weary enough to lose his length and, even worse, his rhythm. Like all the best bowlers, or all those who really last, Underwood has a lovely rhythm. Al-

England

danger than in England of his becoming jaded.

In Dehhi, on the fourth day of the first Test match, he bowled for three hours and a half on end and revelled in it. In Calcutta, he did reveiled in it. In Calcutta, he did the same, for stightly longer. Here in Mailras, he came on in India's second innings before a wicket had fallen and was still bowling when the match ended. He has acted in this series as a stock bowler who has yet managed to keep the bassmen under pressure by having three or four men close to the bat. What few catches have been dropped by Eogland have usually been off. Underwood, partly because the fielders are so close. In the third Test match there were four—three of them half chances.

England's fielding has mostly

half chances.

England's fielding has mostly been wonderfully good, with Old, Brearley and Greig holding on to almost everything at slip (between them they have taken 13 catches and missed nothing palpable) and three or four of the others swooping about the field like athletes. If England's batting ("We have got a long way to go before sorting that out". Greig says) had been as good as their bowling and fielding we really would have a side to get the Ashes back. The fact that four of the bowlers were in India on the last MCC tour has made a difference: they knew already the absolute importance of lide and length, as of course did Ken Barrington, the manager.

One last thing about Under-

side, Underwood feels, I think that Edmonds was unluckier than anyone not to be chosen for this

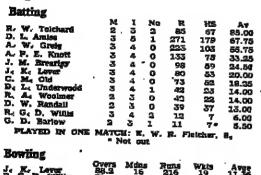
four.
For the fourth Test match starting in Bangalore tomorrow week, India have brought in Yajuvendra Singh, a flashing sort of strokemaker from Maharashira, and Surrindar Amarnath. Mohinof strokemaker from Maharashtra, and Survinder Amarnath, Mohinder's older brother, as well as Reddy, the reserve wickerkeeper. Surrinder is a chency left-handed batsman. Mankad and Madan Lal have been dropped, and Vengsarkar is out with a broken fineer. finger. What India need are batsman in

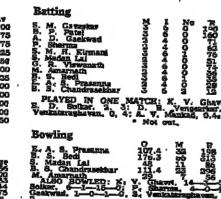
What India need are betsman in form, which they might have by now had they not been so determined to make pitches that turned, for Underwood to torment them on. Underwood's figures for the first three Test matches were 133.5—57—215—15. Bedi's were 175.4—66—311—13. It has been a joy to watch them at work, in their strikingly different ways: flight and guile on the one hand, incisive probing on the other; the mosquibo and the wasp. On Saturday, for the match against South Zone at Hyderabad, Underwood gets a rest, as do Willis, Old and Breariey. Tolchard's hand is still bruised and sore, so that he too will not play.

The South Zone party of 14 includes four Test players; Ventral and Abid Ali. Chandrasekhar and Prasanna will not be playing. The MCC team is: A. W. Greig (captain), D. L. Amiss, R. A. Woolmer, K. W. R. Fletcher, G. D. Barlow, D. W. Randall, G. Miller, A. P. E. Knott, G. Cope, M. W. W. his length and, even worse, his rhythm. Like all the best bowlers, or all those who really last, Underwood has a lovely rhythm. Although for a bowler of his pace he has a long run, it is smooth and economical. On tour, when he is bowling only three or four days a week, if that, there is much less

Test averages after three matches

India





Australian itinerary in New Zealand

The Australian cricket team begins a five-week tour of New Zesland on January 30 with a Dunedin; Feb 12, 13, 14, v Otago, at Dunedin; Feb 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, v New Zesland to exsist the family of the Zesland to exsist the family of the Zesland, at Auckland.

Zealand to assist the family of the late Ken Wedsworth, the former New Zealand wicketkeeper.
Wadsworth died of cancer last August at the age of 29. The Australian and New Zealand cricketers have agreed that the proceeds of the match on January 30 should go to his wife and child. The two teams will meet in another one-day match on the following day. After that the Australians innerary will be: Feb 1, 2, 3, v Northern Districts, at Hamilton; Feb 5, 6, 7, v Wellington, at Wellington; Feb 8, 9, 10,

XI, at Oxford; June 23, v E. R. Dexter's Young Cricketers XI, at Radley; June 27, v T. W. Graveney's Young Cricketers, at Wellington; June 28, v R. Benand's Young Cricketers XI, at Eton; June 29, v National Cricket Association (to be arranged); June 30, R. J. Inveratity's Young Cricketers, at Tonbridge; July 1, v National Association of Young Cricketers, at Canterbury; July 3, v International Wanderers (led by B. d'Oliveira), at Southill Park; July 5, v English Schools Cricket Association, at Winchester; July 7, v Sponsors' XI (led by M. C. Cowdrey), at Burton Count; July 9, v England Young Cricketers, at Arundel; July 11, v England Young Cricketers, at Lords.



Right on target: Alan Minter, British middle weight champion, training at the Thomas A Beckett for the European title bout against Germano Valsecchi, of Italy.

Rugby Union

Wales suspend Wheel for four weeks

Geoffrey Wheel, the Swansen lock forward, was suspended for four weeks by the Welsh Rugby Union disciplinary committee in Cardiff last night. Wheel and Duggan, the Irish No 8, were sent off by Norman Sanson, the referee, in Saturday's international match between Wales and Ireland.

The suspension does not include the day upon which the offence occurred, so Wheel will not be able to resume rugby until Februable to resume rugby until February 13. He will miss Wales's match against France in Paris on February 5, but he will be available for the remaining games against England and Scotland. England and Scotland.
Duggan was dealt with immediately by the Irish RFU on Sunday and received a two-week suspension for his dismissal. These two were the first players to besent off in the home international chammionship.

pionship.

The decision to ban Wheel from The decision to ban Wheel from one international match is sure to cause forther controversy over the dispatity of the punishments. Duggan will be available to play for Ireland in their next game against England on February 5.

Wheel was considered the instigator of the incident in which Ireland's flanker, Stewart Mc-Kinney, was laid out. Duggan was dismissed for throwing a retaliatory punch against the other Welsh lock, Alan Martin.

one of the best maulers in the game and his aggressive all-round play has earned him II interpretional caps. The four-week suspension means that he. Like Duggan, will still be able to challenge for a Lions place in New Zealand this summer. He has been sent of twice pre-viously in club matches for Swansea but these would not have been taken into considera-tion because both occurred more tion because both occurred more that three years ago. He is the first Welshman to be sent off in an international and the incident attracted so much interest that the committee broke with tradition by aunouncing the sentence immediately. As soon as Wheel had been informed of his fate by telephone the decision was given to the press. The normal procedure is for the player to be informed by letter. The committee took little more than half-an-hour to deal with the case and those of five other players.

The Welsh selectors meet next Thursday to pick the team to play France and Wheel's place is likely to go to Quinnell, of Llanelli.
Although Wheel's ali-round
strength will be missed, it will be
emply compensated by Quinnell's
greater ball-playing ability.

Durham have no need of clutching at straws

Rugby Correspondent

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Durham University, who drew a red-blooded game with Oxford mine-all last season, complete their fixtures "double" against Oxbridge tomorrow when they play Cambridge for the first time. The match will also complete the rugby club's centenary celebrations.

Alistair Hignell is leading the Cambridge team, which will include Gordon Wood, who first Cambridge for the first time. The match will also complete the rugby club's centenary celebrations.

Alistair Hignell is leading the Cambridge team, which will include Gordon Wood, who first made his name in senior rughy when he spent three years in the Durham XV. No doubt Peter Warfield would like to be playing against his old university, too, but because of his knee injury he must make the trip as a spectator only. Warfield was an undergraduate at Durham when he won his first

Warfield was an undergraduate at Durham when he won his first England cap in the centre. Having emered the Durham county cup competition this season for the first time, the university reached the semi-final round last Sunday with a 7-6 victory over West Hartlepool, one of the strongest sides in the area. But that maith cost them the services of their captain. Bob Services of their captain, Bob Anderson, the UAU and England Under-23 flank forward. A broken

as having a bright future in the game.

Marcus Rose, the full back who made a name for himself with the England 19-group side and then as a young member of the Leicester team, is playing for Durham in the centre and by all accounts looking very useful indeed. Vaux Breweries have offered Durham fi.000 a year to assist sporting activities for which finance from athletic union or university sources would not normally be available. There are no strings attached to this offer normally be available. There are no strings attached to this offer of support and the university council seems likely to accept it in the near future.

Durham's well-grassed pitch llas been covered by 10 tons of straw supplied by a friendly local farmer. It is expected to be in perfect condition for the Cambridge contest.



Stalker scores his second try for Middlesex Hospital, the fourth of their 12 against St George's.

Big winners make errors

By Peter Marson St George's 3 Middlesex 64
St George's Hospital suffered a crushing defeat in the first round of the Hospitals Cup rugby competion at Chisiehurst yesterday, when Middlesex, cutting and thrusting about the field with unbounded enthusiasm, ran in five goals, seven tries, a dropped goal and a penalty goal to a penalty goal.

Poor St George's. But at least their misery has passed and perhaps they will not have minded too much bowing out to a vastly superior side. Whether Middlesex have it in them to finish off St Mary's, their opponents in a second round match at Walthamstow next Thursday, is another matter.

That, though, will be Middleser's aim, for they have grown thred of being unseeded in the second round of the competition. Last season St Bartholomew's beat them carryincingly and went on to St George's 3 Middlesex 64

Last season St Bartholomew's beat them Convincingly and went on to win the cup, and in the previous season Westminster had done the same thing.

Nevertheless, if Middlesex are intent upon making progress and

perhaps upon carrying off the trophy for the second time in their history, then they will have polished thek game and erased those numerons mistakes that were prevalent yesterday. For the moment Middlesex are in a celebratory mood and, having run in 12 tries, many of them good ones, this is understandable.

Middlesex led by 30-0 at half time. Lamden (2) and Stalker (3) scored tries; Robbin, looking disconcertingly every inch a Philip Bennett, landed two conversions and Campbell dropped a goal from all of three yards. Later; Campbell, Giles (2), Turner, Lambert, Stalker, and De l'Yosse scored tries and Robbin converted three of them. Lewis kricked St George's penalty goal.

ST GEORGE'S: N. Lewis: J. Cachman. K. Bendelow. D. Harrison, P. Bennett: K. Mundy, B. Evans; T. Dowle, P. Littlejohns, S. Squires, D. Kaplan, W. Landells, F. Vitty, N. Leary (capt), D. Whittam.

MIDDLESEX. MOSPITAL: J. De L'Yosse; C. Williams, S. J. S. Turner, L. F. Farrions, C. J. Landen; A. J. Lambert, C. N. Jones, C. Bevan, M. Stellere, J. Giles, Referee H. F. Stone (London).

Hockey

South emerge with win from crowded areas

By Joyce Whitehead
North 1
South 2
South beat North in a disappointing women's territorial hockey match yesterday. This fixture was transferred from Leeds because of the weather and was played on a fine grass pitch at the Ladles College, in Cheltenham.

After about 10 minutes South set the Pace and it was not long before Linda McCarthy beat the North goalkeeper, following a reverse-stick pass from Vicky Chadd. Joyce Kenyon in the North goal was kept busy and made some spectacular saves. There followed some good moves by both sides but no more goals were scored in the first half.

North came more into the game and equality after the integrate was first-class and she nearly played the North's right wing. South's winning goal was scored by Barbara Holden from a corner, but numerous other corners and cross passes by both sides went and equality after the integrate.

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North came more into the game and equalized after the interval. Their goal was scored by Mary Jenkinson, playing in her first territorial match, from a goal-mouth scramble, but the game

The third territorial match between West and Midlands will be played tomorrow at Bourton-on-the-Water in the Cotswolds. West B will play Midlands B at Chariton Park, Cheltenham.

Even European champions may be lost in unpredictable affair

Needle in an Argentine haysta ...

By Norman Fox
An absorbing and promising
European championship final com-An absorbing and promising European championship final competition last summer raised hopes that, in spire of the weight of history, a team from outside the host continent would win next year's World Cup in Argentina (June 1 to 25). The only time this has occurred was in 1958 when Brazil won in Sweden. At this stage not even the uinners of the European championship. Czechoslovakia, can be confident of qualifying and, with South America not ver producing a team to compare with the Brazilians of past years, the World Cup is an unpredictable affair. Even so, it should be remembered that at this period in several previous compenitions

remembered that at this period in several previous competitions no clear favourite or outstanding team had emerged.

Brazil are rebuilding and should again lead the South American challenge. Whether they colour the finals with the skills of the past it is too early to say. The positions and possibilities in the European qualifying groups are as follows:—

Group one

Foland, the team who eliminated England from the 1974 World Cup, began strongly by bearing their nearest group rivals, Portugal, 2—0 away from home. Later a 5—0 win over Cyprus put them in a powerful position on goal difference. Portugal also started well with a 5—1 win in Cyprus but Poland, under a new manager, Jacek Gmoch, are the favourites. Denmark's lead catmot be expected to last after they meet Poland and Portugal later this year.

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Poland: May 13: Cyprus v Poland:
Sentember 21: Poland v Denmark: October 9: Denmark v Portugal: November 16:
Portugal v Cyprus

Group two
England have been prematurely
disregarded in favour of Italy who
overwhelmed them so convincingly
in Rome. The Fians believe they
can take a point from the Italians
in Helsinki. England cannot rely on them and their own worst enemy is again expected to be their imbility to bear defensive teams at Wembley. Everything may depend on whether England can force the Italians to come out of their shell by scoring an early seed in the creative and in the control of their shell by scoring and thei our of their shell by Scoting and early goal in the crucial game next November.

Firstly Finland 1. England 4: Finland 7. Luxembourg 1: England 2. Finland 1: Luxembourg 1, Italy 4: Italy 2. England 0.

East Germany, impressive in

East Germany, impressive in Montreal where they won the Olympic title, disappointed in their first World Cup appearance in November. They managed only a 1—1 home draw with Turkey who are their only serious rivals in the group. In the Olympics they showed a good balance between physical power and skills, but their tendency to favour strength is unfortunate, particularly remembering that they were larly remembering that they were the only Country to beat the eventual winners. West Germany, in the last World Cup. RESULTS: Turkey 4, Main O. East Germany 1: Mains O. Austra

Turkey Austria E Germany Malta

Group four

The Netherlands, runners-up to West Germany in 1973, are already under threat of dismissal in the group and they continue to talk about refusing to play in Argentina even if they do qualify. They are having difficulty obtaining Cruyff and Neeskeus from Barcelona. So far Belgium have been more successful against the weaker teams. Northern Ireland, including George Best. and Iceland.

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Group five Group five

The Republic of Ireland seemed to have a fine chance to win through this weak group after they played so well in a friendly match against England at Wembley. A defeat by France in Paris changed the complexion. Bulgaria's stature faded when they only drew with France at home. France are favourites. ourites.

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Sweden, having alread Norway and Switzerland not now be threatened.

portant march is in N September. Norway bear in the Scandinavian Curunlikely to do so again.

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Group seven A competitive group, slovakia, the European cl emphasized their pos favourites by beating favourites by beating 2—0. At the same time one of their best players sent off with Scotland's both will miss the matches. Their away Wates and Scotland whether they have the force to lead Europe's against the South Amer. RESULTS: Crechoslavaka

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Group eight Yucoslavia lost to Madrid only because ceded a penalty late in The Romanians hold it the group. They co-qualify themselves but likely to decide whether Yugoslavia 20 ahead. RESULT: Seals 1, Yugan

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Hungary bave a f of great value. Russians have not yet she hand and under new me will probably have a be outlook. Past form I Hungary. In this gi winners have to play team from the South zone for a place in the

Variations on the chance of playing for Fulham

Fulham yesterday signed Stewart
Jump on a month's loan from
Crystal Palace. Fulham's manager.
Bobby Campbell, hopes to include
him in the side for tomorrow's
away match against Nortingham
Forest. However, John Lowey.
Manchester United's 19-year-old
striker, mrned flown an offer in join Fulham on a loan basis. join Fulham on a loan basis.
Tommy Jackson, also of Monchester United, had talks with Mr
Campbell about an offer by
United "to help him further his
career" by giving him a free
transfer. He was involved in a
deal which included Lowey but
has yet to make a decision.

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William McEwan, a 25-year-old
midfield player, joined Mansfield
from Chesterfield for a fee of
about £15,000. His transfer comes
two days after two forwards, McCaffrey and Eccles, moved from
Mansfield to Huddersfield. He is
likely to be in Mansfield's team
for their third division match at
Preston tomogrow as Paul

But Ian Scanlon, a striker valued at £60,000 with Notts County, rejected a move to Carlisle United. Scanlon, suspended by Notts County and put on the transfer list after his disappearance in protest at being dropped, told Carlisle's manager. Bobby Moncur, that he preferred a first division club.

John Fleming, who was injured in Lincoln City's home game against Walsall on Tuesday, is expected to remain in hospital for three or four days. Lincoln's manager, Graham Taylor, said that Fleming suffered a partial collapse of a lung and may have cracked

of a lung and may have cracked a rib.

West Ham United's striker, John Radford, who missed two games with a damaged hamstring, may return for the home game with Aston Villa tomorrow. Curbishley, who was injured in the FA Cup third round match with Bolton Wanderers, is fit. Alan Taylor, who has not played a Preston tomorrow as Paul Taylor, who has not played a Matthews, who was curried off at League match since October, has recovered from an ankle injury dislocated shoulder, will be nofit.

| Japan to ask Israel to

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Tokyo, fan 20.—The
Football Association to two World Cup preliming matches berneen the n tries. At a meeting of to lation the Japaness deciit would not be possible to provide special arrangements for the Ist along their special arrangements for the Ist. lurinz their the second game. According to the sche-first game was to be pi Tel Aviv on March 6 . second in Tokyo on Mr. The Japanese said the would seek the approval International Football Fe (FIFA) and the Asian Federation.—AP.

Today's fixtures FOURTH DIVISION 17.3 chester United v Cambridge Stockhort County v Newport Yesterday's result

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Skiing

Miss Morerod takes World Cup lead

By Patrick Lang
Arosa, Jan 20.—Lise-Marie
Mocerod, of Switzerland, deposed
Annemarie Moser (Austria) at the
top of thise women's World Cup
ski pairings today when she
stormed to victory in a glant
slalom here.
One day after winning a slalom
at Schruns, the 20-year-old Swiss
took the first women's giant slalom
for six weeks, her fifth World Cup
victory this season.

victory this season.

Immediately after the race, Mrs
Moser, five times World Cup
wimer before she retired from the
1975-76 season, conceded defeat in this year's competition. "For me the World Cup is already lost", she said. "My absence from competition is handicapping me more than I thought in the technical disciplines."

Miss Morerod now has 165

World Cup points, 23 ahead of the Austrian, with two downhill races first time, I really for take the lead in the World was nervous before the rafter the first the first time, I really for take the lead in the World was nervous before the rafter the first constitution. Today's giant slalom was the first World Cup event to be held in the Eastern Swiss resort. Miss Morerod covered the 1,600-metre course, with 53 gates and an altitude drup of 305 metres, in 1min 19.65sec.

Second, half a second behind, was Kathy Kreiner, of Canada, putting up her best performance since her unexpected giant slalom win in last year's Winter Olympics at Innsbruck. Monika Kaserer, of Austria, was third. Austria, was third.

Miss Morerod showed no sign of the lack of concentration which caused her to slip up under pressure last season. She said after

down. I even attacked be and found myself in troublings."
RESULT: L. M. Morerod land. Limin 19.6535: 2. K. 120.46. British platings: Holmos, 129.53; 65. A. 150.R2. WORLD CUP 110 dsie; 1 Morerod, 165 points; 2, A. 142; 3, B. Habersalter (Austria, H.- Wenzel (Lichensien, M.-T. Nadig (Switzerland), M.-T. Nadig (Switzerland), B. Zurbriggen (Switzerland), M. Kaserer, 65; 8, N. Spiess; 61; 9, C. Neison (US), 41; E. Leppie (WG), and G. (Haly), 58,—Reuter.

Motor racing

Rainy Brazil takes the heat off drivers

Sao Paulo, Jan 20.—The 22 drivers in Sunday's Brazilian Grand Prix rested here today in preparation for tomorrow's first official practice. The weather, which disrupted yesterday's unofficial practices with almost continual rain, improved today and it was only raining intermittently.

Most drivers drove only a few laps yesterday after rains delayed the start of the practice for over five hours. The temperature has dropped since last week when many drivers expressed concern over the possible effects of the heat. At noon today it was about 26 degrees centigrade.

James Hunt, the world champion, said: "Those who do not find adequate responses to the practices generally don't manage to finish the race, or do so with problems that arise during the practices generally don't manage in finish the race, or do so with difficulty."

PRACTICE TIMES: P. Depailler (France) Typrell, 2 minutes 57.64 seconds: V. Brambilla (flair), Surfex. 239,05: C. Perc (Bazil). Brobam. 230,15: N. Lands (Anstria), Farrari. 230,150: J. Hunt (GB). McLaren. 231,00.—Fourer.

Losing their shirts Montevideo, Jan 20.—Players of the Uraguayan national team who swap their shirts with opponents will be charged for them from

Latest European snow reports

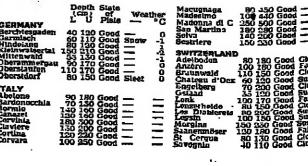
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Superb skiing but some rocks

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inzarote adds to s experience steeplechasing

rote won the Drawbridge hase at Lingfield Park y in a manufer that one xpect from a horse of his marting at 7-4 on. But the race told us nothing all know Lanzarote to be of great ability. The constantal suited him down ground and he ounclassed onems, winning by 10 The important thing was gained a little bit more to of jumping fences and

to win the Gold Cup at am in March.
as the Gold cup is conas the Gold cup is conseither his mainer, Fred nor his owner, Lord de Walden, would be What Winter did say, was that he was keen for to have a couple more efore Cheltenham, but d when he could not say the weather this winter ady made it so difficult bers of his profession to alan and adhere to it. I certain is that Lanzarote entered for the Sun Steeplechase and the ophy, so that his convill have the widest posice. My feeling is that if yell between now and the

yell between now and the March Lanzarote will be o take his chance in the o take his chance in the because, with the race open, this is surely the y to win it with a novice, the Gold Cup one booknow offering both Fort of Fort Fox at 6-1. Then lier, Lanzarote and Royal leither Brown Lad, 10-1 Banbler, Lanzarote and Royal leither Brown Lad nor olic has run this season, correspondent discusses is race between Bannow and Fort Fox elsewhere, ame clear last might was ame clear last night was Devon is now virtually run against Pendil and rin against rendit and enth at Kempton Park Fulke Walwyn is hat Fort Devon should ther race quickly and o, that if he waits for next week the weather in play havoc with his

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ined by Frank Cundell.
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time may show that Tiepolino was attempting the impossible. He was trying to give 16lb to Kas, and Peter Ashworth is in no doubt that Kas is the best jumper that he has ever trained.

Paying his first visit to Lingfield for 10 years, Fred Rimell won the Moat Novices' Hurdle with breeze Wagon, but he was lucky to do so because Kybo was going every bit as well as Breeze Wagon when he misjudged the last hurdle of all and paid for his careless-

National Hunt racing in this country can hardly have been better fliustrated than by the programme at Kempton Park today. gramme 24 Aempton Park 1002v.
The card comprises six hurdle races and two steeplechases. One hundred and fifteen horses have stood their ground for those hurdle races as against 23 for the two steeplechases and it promises to be monotomus.

to be monotonous.

Obviously the recent bad weather has not helped, because it has limited opportunities, yet I cannot help thinking that the executive have invited trouble by opening the Middlesex Novices' Hurdle to five-year-olds and older horses who had not won a burdle at the start of the season, instead of

finding it to memoers of a specified age group.

Valiant Charger (12.30), Narribinai (1.0), King Commander (1.30) and Midsummer Lad (3.0) are my somewhat unoriginal selections for the four parts of the Novices' Hurdle. Easter Hero was tions for the four parts of the Novices' Hurdle. Easter Hero was a good steeplechaser who won the Gold Cup at Cheltenham in 1929 and again the following year and who carried 12st 7th into second place in the Grand National. It seems a pity, therefore, that the race named after him has attracted such an indifferent field. If Narribinni and King Commander will already have won Slips will have a chauce of becoming the third horse bred and reised in New Zealand to win during the day.

Mercifully, the Hanworth Handicap Steeplechase has attracted a much better field. It includes Shifting Gold who won the Tote Northern Steeplechase at Haydock 13 days ago, Ghast Writer, Pengrali, his stable companion Nereo, and The Snipe. When he won at Haydock Park Shifting Gold had only 10st 10th to carry. Today he has 12st 3lb and I believe he is good enough to win with this weight.

Pengrali must constitute a danger, indeed on the way he was a reserving to the same he was a reserving to the same he was a reserving to the same he was a reserving on the way he was a reserving to the same he was a reserving to the same he was a reserving to the same he was the same to the same he was the reserving to the same the same to the same the same to the same the sam

Pengrail must constitute a dan-ger, judged on the way he ran at Saudown Park recently.

The Irish Derby received a new injection of cash with the announcement yesterday that 20 late antries have been accepted, raising the value of the race by \$20,000.

The most interesting addition is the filly, Clooniers, trained by Vincent O'Brien. Tols magnificent-Viscent O'Brien. It is magnificent-looking daughter of Sir Ivor our of Fish Bar was unbeaten in three rusts as a two-year-old. Cloonisra has been heavily supported for the English 1,000 Guiness and is now a short priced fevourite to carry John Mulcahy's colours to



Housewives' choice perhaps, but not bookmakers': Charlotte Brew, one of two women jockeys in the Grand National for the first time, exercises Barony Fort, 200-1 for the big race

Bannow Rambler helps his Gold Cup hopes

From an Irish Racing Correspondent

In one of the most exciting races of the winter two Chekenham Gold Cup hopefuls, Bannow Rambler and Fort Fox, fought out a stride-for-stride fluish to today's Thyestes Handicap Steeplechase at Gowran Park. Bannow Rambler, the 3-1 favourite, defied the bookmakers' opinion and gained the verdict in the close fluish. It had been assumed that the

It had been assumed that the heavy ground would play into the hands of the more lightly weighted divisions, but the contrary proved the case as the class horses dominated the prize. The first three places going to the horses who were at the top of the handi-

Roman Bar, a Grand National Roman Bar, a Grand National entry, went to the front at the start of the second circuit and led until headed at the third last fence by Bannow Rambler. Turning into the home straight, a free-moving Bannow Rambler looked certain to justify favouridism. For up to that point his jumping had been fault-less. However, he got tired coming to the final jump and, making a had blunder, lost several lengths.

The pursuing Fort Fox (5-1) took advantage to get alongside and halfway up the run home went a neck ahead. Fort Fox, however, found the combination of 12 st and the corcession of 7 lb of 12 st and the concession of 7 lb to Bannow Rambler too much for him and in the final strides the

Rambler from 16-1 to 10-1.
It is on the cards that the two chasers will have another encounter in Ireland before they meet at Chelrenham. The Wexford

against Bannow Rambler on the photograph but the camera revealed that he had in fact got up by a short head. Davey Lad (16-1), who is in both the Gold Cup and the Grand National, was 10 leagths away third, with Roman Bar fourth.

Roman Bar fourth.

It was at this meeting two years ago that Bannow Rambler won his first race over hurdles and he has since become a star in that sphere. Today's success was his first in a haudicap steeplechase and his first over three miles. The reaction of London bookmakers was to leave Fort Fox's odds unaltered at Rannow to the cut hack Bannow.

meet at Cheltenham. The Wexford trainer. Tadge Berry, was quick to nominate the PZ Mower Steeplechase at Thuries for Bannow Rambler and Burny Cox said that he would choose Fort Fox between that race and the Harold Clarke Memorial Steeplechase at Leopardstown on February 19.

Race meetings off

The race meeting at Newton Abbot yesterday was abandoned because of waterlogging and today's meeting at Catterick Bridge has been cancelled because of frost. There will be an inspection there at 3.30 pm today to see if racing is possible tomorrow.

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Mr Mark Saville, QC, so asserted in concluding his submissions on habite of the Union of Page Office.

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in concluding his submissions on behalf of the Union of Post Office Workers and the Post Office Engineering Union on an appeal by Mr John Prendergast Gouriet, of Warwick Street, Westminster, which the Court of Appeal sat to hear on Saturday, January 15 (The Times, Jamary 17), from the refusal of Mr Justice Stocker the previous evening to grant an the previous evening to grant an England and Wales and the Republic of South Africa. The court granted him an interim injunction until 10.30 am on
january 18, and expressed the
hope that the Attorney General
might attend to assist the court
on his refusal of his consent on
languary 14 to release action January 14 to a relator action being brought in his name as plaintiff at the applicant's request. A similar injunction was ordered plaintiff at the applicant's request.

A similar injunction was ordered against the Post Office Engineering Union on an expart application on Saturday and leave was granted to join the Attorney General as a defendant to the proceedings. The statement of claim was amended to ask for a declaration that the Attorney General in refusing his consent to bring a relator action had atted improperly and had wrongfully exercised his discretion.

Mr George Newman for the applicant; Mr Mark Saville, QC, with Mr Ian Hunter for the Union of Post Office Workers and with Mr John Veeder for the Post Office Engineering Union; the Attorney General, Mr Samuel Silkin, QC, with Mr Harry Woolf in his own behalf.

Mr Saville, continuing his submissions for the two unions begun yesterday, said that on the face of the pleadings Mr Gouriet asserted a right to see that the criminal law was obeyed in this country.

The Master of the Rolls: Or that

country.

The Master of the Rolls: Or that he has a right nor to be interfered with unhawfully.

Counsel said that Lord Justice Lawton had suggested that the right he asserted was to use Post Office facilities. The right to have the criminal law obeyed was a public right owned by the community as a whole, and as Lord Justice Pearce had said in the relator action of Attorney General v Harris ([1961] 1 QB 74, 92):

"Where an individual or public body persistently breaks the law, and where there is no person or no sufficient sanction to prevent the breaches, these courts in an action by the Attorney General may lend their sid to secure obedience to the law. The dispute is not between the individuals, but between the law breaker and the public ", and that the only appropriate remedy was by way of injunction at the instance of the Attorney General.

That stamment by Lord Justice Pearce was the clearest possible indication that the type of right under consideration—to have the criminal law of the land obeyed—vested in the community, not separately in each of the 52 million inhabitants of this country. Therefore an individual on his own had no locus, for he was trying to

no locus, for he was trying to assert a right he did not own although he enjoyed it as a mem-her of the communication

assert a right he did not own although he enjoyed it as a member of the community.

Counsel said that he knew of no case which had even considered that right as being one which an individual could assert at law or in equity. When he initiated a private prosecution, he did so in the field of the criminal law which was hedged about with complex defences, such as proof. In the present case there was not even an affidavit.

If there was an assertion by Mr Gouriet of a right to use Post Office facilities, it could not be said that the Act gave any such right for Post Office facilities to be provided though there might be a right to use the facilities which the Post Office offered from time to time.

Lord Justice Lawton: From the public's point of view it is a right of very great importance. For instance, if old age pensioners are deprived of their right to get their pensions paid it would cause great injury to them.

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Lord Justice Lawton: So it you without any lawful justification and that the power to act otherwise than the planuff have got a right to that they got of critical without any lawful justification without any lawful justification without any lawful justification with the firm of each of the Attorney General with the company without any lawful justification for the critical lawtons. The Master of the Rottory Judgment against concerned with a low of the firm of each of the Attorney General with the concerned with a low of the firm of each of the Attorney for the defendants, two trades of the Attorney of the court pensions padd it would cause great injury to them.

Counsel did not dissent from that; but when one talked of the right to Post Office facilities the existence or non-existence of crimmal offences was irrelevant. Where crimmal remedies were provided for breach of statutory rights that was an indication that there was no orivate right.

Commel: I agree. But these are most criminal proceedings. Nothing in section 14 prevents any trade union from being prosecuted for a crime, such as blackmail, but it does prevent an individual bringing a suit for intimidation, which is what blackmail is, and prevents the contract from a requirement. the court from granting an injunc-tion to restrain the tort of intimi-

Lord Justice Lawton: Suppose a union orders that no one shall cross a picket line and anyone who does shall be assaulted and the manager of the factory wants to go into his factory, do you say the unions are so above the law that nothing can be done to stop them other than by the Attorney's intervention?

or to sometising in numerance or a made dispute. What Mr Gourier was doing was to say "My per-sonal right "—" he had any—" is being or is likely to be infringed ". That could only be categorized as a tort: the name the law gave to infringement of a right. The Master of the Rolls: Under this Act not only is the trade union exempt but members and bodies of members are exempt?

Counsel said that there had been a lot of talk about sovereignty in the present case but the 1974 Act had been passed by the sovereign Parliament and it said "No action that he was to be the sovereign talk the sovereign ta

that.

Lord Justice Lawton: Your point is startlyingly new and clear; but it is equally clear to me that if a union instructs its members to a mon migrutar its members to commit a criminal act such as essault, it is equally startling—and a grave situation exists if mothing can be done to stop such a breach of the law.

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the position for in that was not the position for in that situation the Attorney General could act if he saw fit to do so. The Master of the Rolls: But the whole question is: What if he

refuse?

Counsel: If the court acts, it will be clothing Mr Gouriet with more suthority than he would otherwise have. Yesterday Lord Justice Lawron said that the reason why the court did not innervene in the 1973 situation was because there was no plaintiff. I wholly agree. The civil court is not here to act of its own volition; but if it is going to clothe Mr Gouriet or any other individual with authority it would be doing the very thing which everyone yesterday said the court would not do.

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everyone yesterday said the court would not do.

If, counsel continued, the court acted on the application of the individual it would be taking away from the Attorney General his power and prerogative to act on behalf of the public interest. The suggestion appeared to be that the court should take that power to itself. That would be clothing the individual who said he had a legitimate right to come to the court with the authority which the Attorney General at present had; and would be doing precisely what Lord Justice Lawton had said the court did not want to do and had not done in 1973.

Lord Justice Ormrod: In practical terms you are saying that the Attorney's refusal to authorize a relator action prevents anyone else bringing the matter to the court so that the public is left in the position of being totally dependent on his decision, which is unappealable and final?

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Counsel: Except in Parliament. Lord Justice Lawton: All Parliament will do is to move to reduce his salary by £10 a year.

Lord Justice Ornared: Though it may not appear so at the moment, the court is at present in a passive role. We do not at this stage have to do anything except decide whether we are going to hear Mr Newman on Mr Gourier's application.

Counsel said that if that was indeed the position, the court would have to allow the applicant to say: "I act on behalf of the public". He could not accept that the applicant could add "and on behalf of all members of the public". The court should not hear him for he was simply complaining of a general right that the criminal law should be obeved and he did not own that right; and for him to seek relief against the defendants, two trade unions, for infringing his rights, was a tort. Such an action could not be brought against these defendants and that was the end of it.

Lord Justice Lawton: So if you are right it means no one can

trade union is almost completely immune from any action in tort; but under section 2(1)(d) it is not immune from criminal proceedings?

Counsel: I agree. But these are criminal proceedings. Nothing in section 14 prevents any trade union from being prosecuted for a crime, such as blackmall, but it is more than the method.

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rule of law.

Counsel then dealt with the suggestion that the Attorney General's power by relator action was out of date because declaratory relief was now available. But there was no procedure known to the law to grant interlocutory declarations. Declarations were dec-larations of rights. They had an in rem effect and could only be given in a proper trial.

Lord Justice Ormrod: But if there is an action for a declaration it would not be difficult to grant an interim injunction to pre-serve the status quo pending a decision as to what the rights are.

That is what we did on Satur Counsel referred the court to Counsel referred the court to London Passenger Transport Board v Moscrop (1942) AC 332, 344) where Viscount Maugham had said he could not call to mind any action for a declaration in which, as in that case, the plaintiff claimed no right for himself but sought to deprive others of a right which did not interfere with his liberty or his private rights. That case clearly showed that a person who wanted to bring an action for a declaration had to assert a private right or special

the unions, counsel said that though the question whether the proposed boycott involved, a trade dispute was not in issue yet, the unions made no admission or condispute was not in issue yet, the unions made no admission or concession that a trade dispute was not involved. He referred the court to a letter in The Times (January 20) on "Churches and black unions in South Africa" this morning. The 1974 Act had been amended in 1976 to extend the ambit of "trade dispute" outside Great Britain. What was happening in South Africa was that the Government had denied large numbers of black people trade union rights and altered their conditions of employment, and the workers of this country were in dispute with that Government on that matter. The unions he, counsel, represented regarded themselves as the guardians of the South African workers. He said that only to make clear that the unions did not accept that there was no trade dispute involved. The unions had also not submitted any evidence. If the person who had power to protect the public interest had given his consent to the proceedings, the unions might have taken a different course. But on his advice they were not prepared, at the instigation of an individual who could not represent the public at large, to enter on a trial with very

which would in effect be a trial on affidavit. That was why they did not put it any evidence or make any concession or admis-

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The case could be summed up in a sentence. The applicant was either trying to enforce the criminal law in the civil courts, a matter for the Attorney General, or he was trying to bring against two trade unions a claim in fort; in neither case could he do so.

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came before Mr Justice Chapman just before 4 pm and was, not unnaturally, invited to wait until the House of Commons debate had concluded. I agreed to an adjournment until 10.30 am the adjournment mini 10.30 am the next morning. The issue arose and was debated in the House of Commons. At no time in the course of that debate did anyone say what the law was. It was said then, as it was said by Mr Jackson, that it had never been tested by the courts.

the union as he does now, told me that the action of the Post Office workers against my clients the House of Commons. As a result we waited to see whether we could get our mail. Within hours our lorries went round and

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Counsel: On November 4.
On the Friday morning Mr
Justice Chapman said that I no
longer required relief. I persisted in my application. It was
decided that the matter should
be adjourned to come before Mr
Justice Slym.
Before we came before Mr
Justice Slym, the Union of Post
Officer Workers gave an undertaking by their executive council
that it would agree not to interfere with the plaintiffs' mail. The
Post Office Corporation resisted
any form of order against it and
we agreed to adjourn the matter
generally.
The significance of that case

was that the union had the advan-tage of representation by counsel. It was inconceivable that in the course of the advice given by counsel it was not told what the Post Office Act said. The execu-tive council gave the undertaking. That must have been a matter

That must bave been a matter that came to the attention of the Attorney General.

Mr Woolf, intervening: I must object to anything being said, or the court being levited to draw any inference, as to the Attorney General's knowledge.

The Master of the Rolls: That is right. You can say that the ma

Mr Newman: In so far as the Attorney General has said that there are certain matters that he would normally take into account.

these were facts which he would take into account.

Lord Justice Lawton: So the Attorney General would know of the financial damage in delaying

mail.

The Master of the Rolls: The consequences of breaking the law.

Counsel: The Attorney General could use his office to show the consequences of breaking the law. The matter had been brought to the court's notice in November. Nowhere in the country had it been authoritatively stated what the law was or what were the the law was or what were the consequences of breaking the law. It was against that background, Coursel continued, that he had to come to the court last Saturday. If

about it.

The implication was that the unions knew the position and what the issue would be; and if that were so, the Attorney General would very properly take that into account in considering the application for his consent in the application for his consent application for his consent in the present proceedings. If the course of conduct by the individual union was being taken too far, holding up the law to disrespect and ridicule, that was a factor which no public officer could accept and if he did accept it, it was a form of ridicule and disrespect which a

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Valid conditions are separable from invalid terms

The court so decided in detrimining the construction of the will of Ellis Hepplewhite of Camp Blaudford, Dorset, who had left a gift, subject to conditions, to his daughter, Mrs Valerie Smith, of Seend, Wiltshire.

Mr Philip Rossdale for Mrs Valerie Smith; Was mith: Miss Etizabeth Gloster for the three children of Mrs Smith.

MR JUSTICE GRAHAM said that Ellis Hepplewhite had left a one-third share to his daughter Valerie, of the residue of the monies of his estate, including investments, to be invested on her behalf until such time as she became (1) SO years of age or (2) a wind, was not 50, not a widow, neither destitute nor infirm, and she had never been at the time her husband. There was no prospect of any such separation and nor had there been at the time her father made his will

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Before Mr Justice Graham

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Smith with an absolute gift: Hancock v Watson ([1902] AC 14).

His Lordship said that is construing the will as a whole, and in the light of previous authorities, the clause did not make an absolute gift but a gift subject to five conditions precedent. He could not accept Mr Rossdale's argument that the conditions were to be treated as one composite condition, with five separate limbs, all directed against the husband and inciding the breakup of

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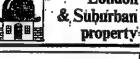
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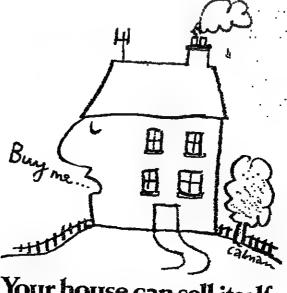
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able, the old brilliance and charm still dazzle out. Only a Keaton creature could be so

mastered by the obsession which

brings Elmer nightly to the theatre half an hour before the

show (there is a marvellous shot

of him sitting quite alone in the front row of the empty auditorium)—only a Keaton creature could follow the girl every-

where, and gaze with such dis-concertingly intense adoration. Even in decline, Keaton de-

fies comparison with anyone we have around today; though Mel Brooks is somewhere among the

best of the bunch. His face is

mean and anxious; his shoul-

ders are forever hunched in de-

fence against the next gag which is sure to hit him be-

tween the shoulder blades. His great fanged smile, when it comes, is a triumph of fake

Silent Movie, with Brooks as

director and star, is a tribute of sorts to the generation of Keston. The story (and one of the things Brooks has in common with the old masters is his

ability to stick with his story, however idiotic, however simple)

is about the attempted come-back of Mel Funn, once Holly-

wood's greatest director, but a victim of the bottle, who has

had the revolutionary idea of making a silent movie. The film

itself is shot as a silent film, which permits a lot of gags

disparity between easily lip-read mouthed dielogue and the titles; the excesses of mugging

The exercise sorts the comic

The exercise sorts the comic sheep from the goats. Speech-less, Brooks himself remains a very funny man, So did Sid Caesar; so does Bernadette Peters; so, in walk-ins, do veterans like Harry Ritz and Fritz Feld, Others, though, like Marry Feldman and Dom de Luise, despite their funny looks, reveal dependence on literary aids, and are reduced to mue-

aids, and are reduced to mug-ging of the class that would

have relegated them to the back

about the old conventions

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the classic clowns is the con-trast of passive and active. Keaton and Chaplin and Lloyd and Langdon and W. C. Fields

motivate chain reactions of comedy either by their characters or by their own misguided initiatives. Mel Brooks

is more inclined to set up gags

in advance and then stand and wait for them to happen to him. Significantly Silent Movie is mostly at its funniest when the

gags are most clearly generated

by the story itself: a scene, for instance, where Brooks, De Luise and Feldman don suits of

armour in order to gain admission to the studio commissary,

only to wreck the place as-blinkered and top heavy—they

fall about in a catastrophe of chainmail and breastplates.

Brooks is undoubtedly a pro-lific comic inventor. The dom-inant motivation of his humour

is literal and reglistic reexam ination of convention and cliche

How, for instance, if you take a figure of speech quite liter-ally? "The boy's'll flip . . .",

he says, and next thing you see them actually flipping, on the pavement. What if the wedding cake on which an Astaire-Rogers

couple dance is real, covered with a slush of real icing? Or what if the delivery men who

hurl bundles of newspapers off their vans always succeed in himing the newsvendor? (The

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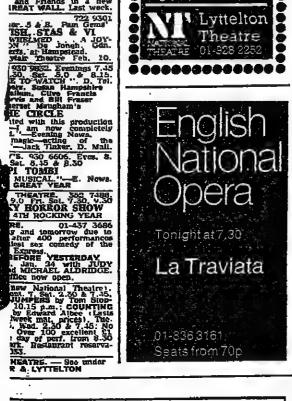
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It is clowns' week in the cinema, with the crowning event a revival of a Buster Keaton silent feature, unseen for over 40 years, though in May, 1929, it had them queuing round the block at the Empire, Leicester Square, and broke all previous house records there. When he made Spite Marri-

are Keaton was 33 and had a decade of stardom behind him; but his star was already setting. sound films had arrived and though this in itself would not have defeated his magnificent talents, they had put an end to the day of the small inde-pendent producer-artist. Against the urgent advice of Chaplin and Harold Lloyd, Keaton threw in his lot with Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, only to find the creative freedom that had resulted in masterpieces like The General and The Navigator had been taken from him. Moreover, personal unhappiness and consequent heavy drinking (the effects show in the haggard face he presents in Spite Marriage) had undoubtedly sapped something of his energy and eroded his inventive genius. Compared with his own best

work at least, the gags are fairly sparse, and sometimes uncharacteristically imprecise. Buster plays Elmer, a pants presser who borrows the clothpresser who corrows the clothing of his more affluent clients
in hopes of making an impression on a beautiful actress he
admires so much that he
attends every performance of
the frightful Deep South melodrama in which she plays.
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premier in the play, she impetuously agrees to marry Elmer; but after the wedding night, during which she is paralytic drunk, she leaves him. Later, after being taken on as crew on a pleasure yacht, he sees her again, us a guest aboard. When the ship is abandoned, he finds himself alone with the girl on the drifting vessel (shades of The Navigary). When Elmer saves her gator). When Elmer saves her and the yacht from a gang of brutal bootleggers, true love finally blooms. One of Keaton's complaints

against the multiplicity of "col-laborators" imposed on him in the big studios was "they warp your judgment on the role you're working". The import-ant difference between Spite Marriage and the great features that preceded it is that the other Keaton characters—the priggish college boy in College, the timid cinema projectionist in Sherlock Jr, the melancholy loner in Go West, the spoiled millionaires in The Saphead, The Navigator and Battling Butagainst the multiplicity of " col-The Navigator and Battling Butler—are clearly defined. Elmer the pants presser tends to adapt himself to the gag in hand. It is hard, for example, to reconcile the resourceful and determined Elmer who pursues the actress in the first scenes and in the finale singlehanded overcomes a gang of bootleg-gers, with the blundering fool who manages in his brief appearance as an actor to bring

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"Abscheulicher"; the abandoned joy of the finale. The voice is up to all the demands "Don Pizarro. His governor was without authority, a pantomime villain and no tyrant. "Ha welchein Augenblick" would of a medium-sized house, such as the Theatre Royal, swelling and rising above the orchestra-Clearly her musical coaching has been first rate.

Anja Silja's appearance in the same role, although I am not sure about the straw hair. But for the moment there is a lack of dramatic definition, a reluc-tance to seize the big moments and punch them hard out into the theatre. And the German is still imperfect. For all that this was a keenly felt and surely sung interpretation which could become outstand-

The other newcomers were less impressive. Graham Clark, when she sings the part in Joachim Herz's projected pro-duction of Beethoven for the much admired in the title role of Bomarzo in London, was an over-pushy Jacquino, pressing his right, clear voice when he should have been colouring it. John Shirley Quirk, that gentle baritone, was weirdly cast as Coliseum. But the core of the part is already there: the will-power with which Leonore fixes Rocco in the eve before the first-act canon; the determina-

have frightened no one and the words were gabbled.
Some will lay the blame at

the end of Lawrence Foster's baton. He may well have set new speed records for Fidelio, completing it in under two hours' playing time. His interpretation will not please those who like their Fidelio a discreet blend of grandeur and reverie but I admire Mr Foster for his fire, his taut control of ensemble in the finale and for his professional covering-up of some off-colour individual play-

depths of the prison before the gates of light are opened, still look impressive after seven years. And so does Peter Ebert's production, one of his best for Scottish Opera, in which the old stagers, Charles Craig's well-nourished Florestan and Wil-liam McCue's kindly and woolly-haired Rocco, still sing happily.

The Disappearance David Robinson of Aimée

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Michael Church

Cloche hats, banks of flowers, piped organ music. A whiterobed figure stretches out its arms and cries "God bless you, brothers and sisters". The grateful crowd pin dollar bilis to passing ropes, chant hymns, Aimée Semple McPherson was

cry back again. an absolute gift to all those who would make drama from the crazy West Coast evangel-ism of the 1920s. She was in-deed a gift to Evelyn Waugh, who transmogrified her into the egregious Mrs Melrose Ape in Vile Bodies. She was the most outrageously flamboyant of a flamboyant breed, and she ex-celled herself in 1926 by disappearing in mysterious circumstances off the beach at Santa Monica. Did she fake her story of being kidnapped? Was it really an elopement, or were there financial motives? The

wards from strength to strength. But what a deeply ungripping occasion Wednesday's production made of it. Part of the blame must attach to John Mc-Greevey's apparent inability to write truly actable dialogue, and more must be directed against

world delightedly speculated.

and her crusade went on after-

Paul Leaf (producer) and Anthony Harvey (director) for failing to infuse the proceed-ings with any dramatic tension at all, The film took for granted our

breathless interest in Aimee's court case—after her reappearance—or at least our breathess interest in every twitch of Faye Dunaway's eyebrows—but it seemed to spend all its ener-gies on defusing itself. The camera work was limply arty, the flashbacks seemed like so much dead time, the love and whodunit elements were mere trappings.

Bette Davis ranted and looked flinty. Faye Dunaway, a lovely lass, should either have been replaced by Glenda Jackson, which would at least have given us something to hate, or by Stanley Baxter, who would have played the part to perfection.

Ten Times Table Theatre in the Round, Scarborough

Irving Wardle

Amid the opening fanfares for the Olivier Theatre last year, Alan Ayckbourn quietly shifted his company from Scar-borough's public library to a handsomely converted seconhandsomely converted secon-dary modern school, thus at last securing year-round premises and gaining 100 seats.

The upheaval has, if anything, increased his prodigious output. Directing and sometimes lighting shows himself, he has continued to supply his company with something to act, Ten Times Table being the latest of three plays due to appear in London this year.

adapt to circumstances, decide to adopt the boy friend, who'll be an asset to the business; and start to ponder if they can't fix up a better match for Nor-. . . maybe a nice doctor Some of the best-intentioned people are inclined to get up-tight about this picture, as they did about the original play by Ron Clark and Sam Bobrick on which it is (all too clearly) based, complaining that it is tasteless and flippant. As a contribution to social and human the solemn Saturday Night at the Baths, or then Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?—a film of

easy to despise.

The play follows the preparations for a folk festival:
an idea dreamt up by a goshead shopkeeper and feeturing a replay of the massacre
of the "Pendon Twelve", an
alleged group of eighteenticentury tax reform radicals put into play autometic hostilities and defences and projudices. For snowner, it's a log subtler than is at first apparent, in the way it accepts and then questions stereotypes. Thus the boyfriend, Garson, is at first

presented in conventional terms of the camp screen queen; but then revalued, through the father's eyes, as a figure of not inconsiderable charm and resource. The film does the same for story stereotypes, letting the audience wander awhile up garden paths before giving them the lie. So, when Norman stays the night with a jolly girliriend, you are encouraged to share her belief in the popular myth that a night in the hav with Ms Right will do the trick. Next morning brings only beadaches

The wretched father goes through all the conventional

stages to which parents in the situation are vulnerable. His

first thought is to shoot Norman, but he buys a library of psychology books instead. He tries to force his son into bed

with a giant whore, but lands up with her himself. Finally,

after his wife (Pearl Bailey)

returns, disappointed but un-repentant, the two of them

understanding, I am inclined to rate it rather higher than, say,

different themes but rather

For one thing it is very funny and relaxed, and doesn't bring

similar story approach.

or lawyer.

all round, a very heavy huff on the part of the frustrated therapist, and Norman running sway to join the navy. Taking it on its own terms, and forgiving its steey hang-overs, Norman . . . Is That You? is funny, sensible, and not a little educative. The director is George Schlatter: the groups George Schlatter; the young lovers, Michael Warren and Dennis Dugan.

Always a writer who sets himset this theatre-in-the-round piece in a committee room, changing the position of the table from scene to scene, but keeping the cast seated for most of the time. It sounds unworkable, but needless to say it works perfectly. It is the first Ayckbourn play I have seen in the round, and while his recent London shows have seemed to cheracters it would be all too

down by the Army. Not that that counts for much in the first act, where Ayckbourn is mainly establishing the discordant percover all shades of local opinion tion are doing him proud.

Troilus and Cressida Round House

Troilus and Cressida is a play

whose issues can very easily become clouded in performance

Downstairs Charles Lewsen

and I would not expect it to be clarified by a production in which men played the women's To the extent that Ronald Hayman's production offers four performances of distinct merit performances of distinct merit it goes some way towards justifying its odd premise. Judy Monahan, as Troilus, does not mask her feminimity but she does not draw attention to it. She uses her feminine sympathies to evoke a boy's sexual exultation. We accept her account of it and so we are launched on the way to involvement in the tragedy. ment in the tragedy.

Helen and Cressida are women whose sexuality is their fate. John Somerville and

Rupert Fraser aim to represent their feminity but more in the tradition of Hetty King's refined travesty than in that of Danny La Rue's drag; even more, I suspect, in the tradition of the boy actors for whom the parts were written. Mr Fraser's quick-silver skittishness, though a fine vehicle for Cressida's apprehension of her innate falsity, NPO/Davis

from the smirking fence-sitting chairman and his overbearing wife to a Marxist teacher who sits glowering through the for-malities in a mildewed donkey jacket. Convening in a hotel ballroom, apt at any moment to be plunged in darkness or rent with hammering from above, the members generate enough antagonism of their own to override all interruptions.

After those rather prolonged introductions, the comedy pro-per gets under way with the division of the committee into two groups, respectively ponsible for organizing working-class radical and mili-tary factions; at which point all the suppressed hostilities of the first act find a historical outler and pageant organization turus into civil war.

At first, the Marxist Eric, with his factory contacts and debating skills, wins hands down leaving his royalist opponent (the chairman's wife) with hardly a recruit. She then coopts a mad military dog-breeder on to her side, preparing the way for a costumed finale with Eric declaiming to the Pendon populace, the drunken royalist leader toppling off his hobby horse, and the dog-breeder running amuck with a loaded revolver.

"I don't think anybody present characters with mere contempt, it is interesting to find one's sympathies powerfully engaged for everyone on the Scarborough stage floor. Tooted class antagonisms to the And Ten Times Table contains surface and releasing them into contact life marked as a contempt. comic life, marked as so often in Ayckbourn by the mastery of simultaneous action. The biggest laugh in the last act, for instance, is reserved for a deaf old lady who has been playing an insudible piano medley, unnoticed amid the hue and cry.

Other judgments must wait for the London premiers. Mean-while, Janet Dale as the battling queen bee, Christopher Godwin as her trigger-happy ally, and others in the author's produc

evoked, for me, a portait of lusty but tremulous male

A performance that would be of value in a production that otherwise confined men and women to roles indicated for

adolescence.

them is the Thersites of Pauline Kelly who first justifies the description "cur of envy" by playing him as a snarling Sex Pistol and then, as the tragedy grows, transforming him to a pop-eyed innocent, whose bland amusement at the degradation around him is the only element in the production to make one perceive that the play is about the seven-year blistering of great lives in an abourd cause, The generals ruter their The generals utter their speeches clearly enough, but the rhetoric and philosophy

are never supported by a clearly defined resentment or exhaustion. We are quite removed from the fact that they are at war, let alone a foolish war, and the evocation of maleness is such that the interlude of drinking comes across as a friendly meeting of the Peloponnesian Institute and the Trov Chapter of Women's Lib. This impression is not mirigated by the actresses very becoming costumes or the atmosphere of the studio theatre which, like the dressing room block at the National Theatre, rather sug-gests that Franz Kafka has taken up interior decoration. continuation of a late Beet-

Festival Hall/Radio 3

There was nothing unusual

a Beethoven overture to launch his programme with the NPO for the Royal Philharmonic Society: thousands of concerts begin in exactly the same way. But 1977 is the 150th anniversary of Beethoven's death. Listening to Leonora No 2 on Wednesday it was good to recall that the Philharmonic Society's gift of £100 to the stricken composer in March, 1827, reached him just in time.

No 3, No 2 (played at the opera's premiere) is less concentrated, its composer more symphonist than man of the theatre. Mr Davis nevertheless made it uncommonly dramatic with his tension and sharp response to dynamic and harmonic adventure. The electric current in his baton had the orchestra as keyed up as be

Next, Bartok's Third Con-

that work is hadled as the ulti-mate point to which Bartok carried his emotional mellowing and simplification in later veers, its grace and transparency at the opposite pole to its two aggressive predecessors. Wednesday's soloist, Vladimir Ash-kenazy, took a bolder view, upheld by conductor and orchestra. The outer movements had up

usual strength and drive. Even the central climax of the slow movement was uncommonly robust for night music. Finely realized as the music was in its own way, I missed its more intimate note, though it would be wrong not to add that the slow

Finally Elgar's First Symphony, in which Mr Davis's trump card was his strong sense of direction: tension never for a moment sagged. Predictably, as a young man, he made much of all disquieting challenges. The second movement was even dangerously militant.

But the reading had poetry too. The composer's withdrawal from reality into dreams to-Next, Bartok's Third Concerto (and anyone thinking the leap too large should have remembered Radio 3's Christmas Quiz, and the way some of us did not spot the change when the start of its slow movement was played as if it was a sworthy of Beethoven.

Some of the notices on this page are reprinted from yesterday's later editions.



Fidelio Theatre Royal,

Glasgow John Higgins

Josephine Barstow is a chameleon soprano. Given a mind to, and given the right production, she can transform her voice

and form. There was Violetta, Salome, Jeanne in The Devils of London, all totally different.
And now there is Leonore in
Scottish Opera's revival of
Fidelio, which is playing for
the rest of the mouth in the company's home theatre in This is Miss Barstow's first Leonore, and understandably the complete transformation is still to come. That may occur

The lanky, almost faun-like figure is right, with a touch of

Hans-Ulrich Schmukle's sets.

which proceed by flights of stony stairs down into the

Joan Chissell

about Andrew Davis's choice of

In comparison with Leonora movement's chorale No 3; No 2 (played at the rarefied and beautiful

Bernard Levin

· Now they've found their mittens we should start to cry

I'll bet you'll never guess by the cold than I am?) what what's taking over the world more natural than that they now. The crabs, that's what. Or should don fur mittens—and a report not long ago by the Science Correspondent of the Daily Another Newspaper. It seems that a certain species of Chinese Crab (devlish cunning, these Chinese crabs, especially, I suppose, when devilled) have arrived in English waters wearing mittens. (Look, I know you weren't born yesterday, but I tell you the little bleeders wear mirrens. Fur mittens. It said so. In the paper. They're actually called "mitten crabs" because of it. You'll allow that's logical, at any rate?)

I have heard of Russians with snow on their boots, but crabs with fur on their claws are another kind of fright althought of a perfectly ordinary crab scuttling towards me, with nothing on its claws but a wisp of seaweed, is enough to give me a massive dose of the heebie-jeebies; if I met one which was apparently trying to convince passers by that it was a cat (and a pretty unconvine their excuse for wearing fur ing cat it would make, 100, fur mittens the temperature of the

Something immeasurably ancient

There is something almost prehistoric about a crab. The armour, the irregular method of progress, the difficulty it presents to those (I am not among them) who wish to among them) who wish to know where its head, mouth, eyes and brain are located, even if only to be able to decide which way it is going; decide which way it is going; these characteristics suggest something immeasurably ancient, here long before man appeared and destined to remain long after be has gone. H. G. Wells's The Time Machine, I recall, has a scene in which the traveller goes so far into the future that the earth has stopped revolving and the sun has gone out; but there on the beach on which there on the beach on which he lands are the crabs, grown huge but still recognizable.

On the other hand, Wells, though a dab hand at the hor-ror (the description of the fight between the giant wasp and the man with the sword, in The Food of the Gods, in which the creature stings him just as he slashes it with the weapon, ends with the haunt-ingly awful words "Of the two, the man died first") did equip his end-of-the-world crustaceans with fur mittens, possibly because he thought that would be rather over-egging the pudding, or at any rate the creb souttle. But now the things—Things, really—have turned up in the cooling system of the West Thurrock power station, which suggests that they are not just horrors from the nightmaras of outer space but horrors from the nightmares of outer space which have been carefully trained by the Chipese to dis-cover the secrets of British power stations.

em making such a fuss about. If the crabs find the water cold (and what evidence have

should don fur mittens-and for that matter, if they feel like it, muffs, woolly jumpers, knimed scarves, balaclava helmets and sheepskin-lined overcoats? I suppose I would be

accused of even greater indif-

ference to the interests of the crabs if I were to reply that any crab which would like me to get it warm has only to step smartly forward in the direction of my saucepan, where-upon I will do the rest. But assuming that the crabs want to be warmed up for their own purposes rather than mine, there is still something so extraordinarily incompatible about the thought of fur in connexion with such a creature that the mind recoils in alarm. Apart from anything else, I have always understood that, with the exception of whales (which are mammals) all seacreatures are cold-blooded, so that if the crabs are giving as ing cat it would make, too, for mittens the temperature of the mittens or no fur mittens). I water, they are almost corwould refuse to be held tainly concealing something, responsible for my actions, and something pretty nasty, particularly since these might include jumping clean through the nearest window without the nearest window without which has fur, unless you count a seal. (I have a very bandsome black sealskin har, which I wear only in the bir-

which I wear only in the bir-terest winter weather, and which I acquired long before the ecology-merchants had devised their own contribution to the noble art of making life unpleasant for other people; I now tend to run after passersby whom I see eyeing it with disfavour, crying "The animal died of old age, I tell you— with all its children and grand-

They have ominous pincers

children round its bed ".)

Crabs are, I insist sinister. They have too many legs, they have ominous pincers, their shape is like nothing else on earth. For uncountable billions of years they have not changed that shape, and now, it seems they have decided to grow fur their claws and come to England (having, it is alleged, "stowed away as larvae in Chinese waters", as if that information was supposed to pro-vide reassurance).

about the boy-crab who fell in love with girl-oyster, and vice versa. The oyster's father, how declaring that he would not allow into his family a crea-ture which walked sideways. The oyster began to pine for her love, thus cruelly rejected until one night the door of the family home was flung open, and in strode the crab, walking perfectly straight forward, then turning and walking, equally directly, in the other direction. While the father oyster smiled broadly and hade ter smiled broadly and bade his future son-in-law welcome, No doubt somebody will now and threw her arms around profess not to understand what the crab's neck. "Don't say a word", he hissed in her ear;
"I'm drunk".

I that crabs are less affected (Times Newspapers Ltd, 1977

Reconciling devolved power with Westminster representation

Rough justice may be needed to fix the righ ARTH number of Scottish and Welsh MPs

Of the many problems pre-sented by devolution the one that is most disconcerting to supporters of the scheme is what to do about Scottish and Welsh representation at West-minster. Is it right that Scot-tish and Welsh MPs should still be able to speak and vote on schools and housing in England, for example, when policy in those fields for Scotland and to some extent for Wales will be determined by the assemblies?

The question is asked more and more insistently by opponents of devolution in order to show its inherent contradictions. But it is discomforing for those of us who none the less remain broadly in favour, because it might as well be admitted that there is no absolutely logical answer to the question. Whatever is done there are bound to be anom-

There are three choices. The first is to leave the number and powers of Scortish and Welsh MPs unchanged. That is what the Government still pro-pose to do. It is in their party interest because Labour has a majority of seats in both countries. It also has the advantage, not to be despised by hard pressed ministers, of dispens-ing with the obligation to think of any alternative.

The second course, which is now favoured by the SNP, would be to deny Scottish MPs the right to vote on purely English and Welsh legislation (so long as the Welsh assembly is nor to have legislative powers the right of their MPs to vote at Westminster could hardly be limited) while prob-ably, though not necessarily,

principle that keeps popping up in devolution schemes down the years 17 the years. It was initially in Gladstone's second Irish Home Rule Bill in 1893 but had to be discarded because of wide-spread criticism of both its practicality and its logic.

The proposal then was to divide all parliamentary busi-ness into Imperial, British and Irish matters, giving Irish MPs the right to take part only on Imperial and Irish questions.

This would have presented no particular problems so far as legislation was concerned. Indeed, it is now the practice for the Speaker to rule whether a Bill is a purely Scottish piece of legislation in order to determine whether it should be sent to the Speaker. should be sent to the Scottish standing committee. But it is quite another matter when one goes beyond legislation. So apparently simple questions have wider implications. Votes on procedure may have and complex consequences,

The logic of such a scheme

would be even more in doubt. would be even more in doubt.

If it were applied now, it would mean that where a government's majority in the House of Commons depended on the balance of forces in Scotland—the only circumstance in which the right of Scottish MPs to vote on English business at Westminster would be of more than account. ter would be of more than acawould not be able to get and contentious English legislation

would have an assembly through which its executive could expect to pass its Bills, but similar legislation for England would then be in jeopardy because the United Kingdom Government could not call on the support of Scotish MPs at Westminster. That would seem a bizarre way for would seem a bizarre way for the English to ensure that the Scots did not have the best of

both worlds.

The third course would be to reduce the number of Scottish and probably Welsh members at Westminster. There is no point in pretending that this would be an adequate answer in logic to the objection that it would be unfair for Scottish MPs to vote on English legisla-tion in fields where decisions for Scotland are taken in the assembly. The anomaly would remain no matter how few Scottish MPs there were.

But it is equally an illusion to suggest that numbers have nothing to do with the question. The anomaly is already hallowed by precedent in the case of Northern Ireland. There were Northern Irish MPs at Westminster throughout the years when Northern Ireland had its own assembly at Stormont

They were not a cause of affront during this time because there have been so affront few of them. The Government of Ireland Act 1920, under the set up, reduced their number to 13—which subsequently became 12 on the abolition of importance—ministers the university seats—whereas not be able to get and the would be 17 on a strict comparison of population. Even so, there have been occa-

affected the strength of a British Government, though it has never actually determined which party would form the

government.

The Attlee Government margin of eight seats over and Liberals oarlia-Conservatives and Liberals combined in the 1950 parliament would have been more comfortable without the net eight Conservative members from Northern Ireland. Less importantly, the Conservative majority in the 1951-55 parliament would have been rather less assured without the Northern Irish MPs. But it was in 1964 that they were of most

Wilson Government then had an overall majority of only four in a parliament where all 12 Northern Irish members were Conservative. Without them there might not have been another election as early as 1966 and the subsecourse of British politics might have been different.

consequence.

however, after the pattern of Northern Irish representation Northern Irish representation had been established for some time. So it was seen by then not as a potential iniquity but as one of those quirks in the British constitution that as a people we tend to regard with affection and even pride if we have put up with them for

long enough.

The best hope is that Scottish and possibly Welsh representation at Westminster will come to be seen in the same light. The prospects will be all the better if they do not hold the balance of power, in the early years at least. That is the Social legislation could be sions when the balance of nub of the matter. It would be enacted for Scotland because it representation from Northern sheer hypocrisy for English

feel deprived at no longer being able to deal with Scottish business, which they have always considered a monumen-

What they fear is the Scots being able to determine who holds office at Westminster as well as in the assembly, and there would be less chance of that if there were fewer Scot-tish MPs.

At the moment both Scot- is equally unjustifial land and Wales are over-represented at Westminster in terms of population. That stems from the Representation of the People Act of 1918 which implemented the recommendations of the Speaker's Con-ference of the year before. It plating announcing as was confirmed by the 1944 mittee stage proceeds Speaker's Conference and in representation of Nor. subsequent legislation. Two reasons were given un-officially on behalf of this

officially on behalf of this second Speaker's Conference: national sentiment and the consideration that Scotland and Wales had lost population and Wales had lost popuration because of the depression, which could partly be attributed to failures of government policy. To reduce Scottish and Welsh representation as a consequence, it was argued, would be to punish them politically as well as economically for the failings of government. This argument must have seemed argument must have seemed strange at the time and would be absurd as a basis for deci-

sion today. National sentiment is being acknowledged by the creation of assemblies. But there is a third argument that is valid: the need to take into account not only population but distances in sparsely peopled constituencies, especially

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Urban bias in the Third World means that real needs are ignored

Why overseas aid does not make the poor richer

By 1978-79 Britain's development and is to be stashed by 20 landless labourers (and even in poor countries urban presper cent. Other, private sources the urban poor are often poor sure groups—business, labour, and urban only for lack of bureaucracy—have acquired in the property of the of funds seem discredited by and urban endless reveletions, from ITP agricultural in Chile to Haw Par in Singamust spend pore. As for export earnings, the poorest countries find that their prices for Indian tea or Bangladesh jute—lag far behind oil and oil-based manu-factures, which are essential imports for development. Is the "New International Economic Order " mere empty talk?

This seems an appropriate moment—if it does nothing else, it will help to while away the time until the scaly tap on the door is heard—for me to tell my Uncle Shloime's story Despite the ghom, longer-term post-colonial development bas by conventional standards been amazingly successful. After centuries of widespread staguation, the Third World has since 1950 roughly doubled real income-per-person. Behind the figures there is genuine development, measurable ass just in new factories and dams but in falling mortality and rising literacy. Nor has aid been irrelevant. Some 10 per cent of the big differences among poor countries in growth is statistically linked to dif-ferences in their aid receipts (roughly matching the 10-12 per cent of their investment paid for by net aid). The gloom prevails because growth and development have

done hardly anything for the poorer half of the Third World's swelling populations. In Brazil in the 1960s their In Braze in me 1901s their real average income grew by under 1 per cent; that of the richer half, by over 30 per cent. In almost all the large poor countries, notably India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Indonesia and the Philippines, recent research has revealed staguetion or decline in the living standards of the poorest 20 to 40 per cent, especially in the

The real life heroes of many a courtroom drama are peopling the Grosvenor House hotel in London this week, eagerly discussing whins of judge and

jury, amazing damages awards, bizarre cases and the price of shoes in Harrods' sale. Robin

agricultural prospects). They must spend three-quarters of their income (and over half of any extra income) to feed themselves. So, if food output and calorie intake per person stagnate—and in most poor countries they are no higher now then in 1934.8—the welfare of the rural poor cannot improve much. Indeed, whereas the non-agriculturist during the early industrialization of Europe, about 150 years ago, averaged only one and a half

domestic investment patment, and an even lower pro-portion of "human capital" in the form of skilled persons, supports the 70 per cent of workers who practise agricul-ture—a major reason why they produce only 40 per cent of output. Such a capital famine

seems unfair to agriculturists. who start much poorer. It has proved inefficient too. Typically, if the last £10m invested outside agriculture had been put into agriculture instead, it would have yielded at least twice as much. Efficiency has also suffered as shorrages of food or raw materials, from the neglected farm sector, have compelled cutbacks in the very strategy of industrialization which the neglect of agricul-

ture was supposed to have Why do Third World politicians use public resources, and adjust incentives to the use of Agriculture must hold the key. The great mass of the private resources, in this anti-rural way? Because they face a above all the experience of aid

bureaucracy—bave acquired power, arriculateness, ideology and prestige far beyond their size or economic importance. Many Third World politicians small-scale cereal farmers, whom they know to be labourintensive and efficient; but urban bias ensures that they cannot do so with domestic resources. That is where aid can help. Yet, so far, barely 12 per cent has gone to agricul-

In the late 1960s Sweden, to two times the income of his Holland and Canada led a shift farming compartiot, the ratio in aid priorities towards activities the Third World today is ties creating, for the rural typically as high as four to one." la most poor countries permit self-reliant develop-Powerful support came terns make matters worse, in 1973 when Robert McNamara committed the Bank to similar policies. The Bank's spending plans have increasingly reflected his promises. So, recently, have the offi-cial papers on aid policy of the United States and British governments. This year the inter-national Fund for Agricultural Development financed by 5500m each from OPEC and Western donors, begins lending concentrated-by its articles of agreement-on food production by and for, the poorest people, especially "in the poorest food deficit countries".

Yet these good intentions, backed by sound development theory and experience regarding the inadequacy of urbanbiased development, could end in a managerial disaster. If poor countries suffer from urban bias, how much more must it affect the centres of power: Washington, Geneva, Rome! There,

management, are at best those of the fertilizer factory and the big commercial farm; at worst, those of the jet setting three-week-expertise of international consultancy. Given the (usually high) levels of technical competence, specialists even from such a background can plausibly advocate, sensibly select, and ably monitor bis "hardware" projects directed at urban growth, But it is hopeless to expect the

three-week appraisal from the air-conditioned hotel to find, or to monitor, dispersed activities designed to raise the income, self-reliance and status of the The first big problem is how to identify, select and evaluate such activities. Their apparent

scarcity has been one cause of culture. Given urban bias, governments—and consultants—will heavy industry, transport and power, often leaving potentially much better rural projects too under-prepared to attract funds. Aid don-nors cannot. of course. intervene while a government selects and evaluates projects for them; but they can help it to develop its own expertise and institutions for that purpose. The alternative is a vast expansion of hastily-identified rural projects, in the short run matching the donor agency's wish to meet cash targets for country programmes against poverty, but in the long run discrediting such programmes as "attempts to cure poverty by throwing money at it".

Project monitoring is even more important. Without it the money for a well-selected pro-ject will reach neither it nor the poor and weak, and with it even a hadly-selected project

can often be "brought round". Monitoring a piece of singlesteel mill or a power stationmeans ensuring the money is spent and the goods delivered in the right way and the right order, and with the right expected output. Manitoring of activities to help the rural poor towards self-reliant de-velopment requires all this, and more: steady observation, in a few typical affected and in a few typical affected and less they alleriate po-(for comparison) unaffected to justify finance on ai rural communities, of the Today the new way amount and distribution-before, as well as during and after, the project builds up-of calories, income, maybe even

Such work requires respects that this will ideace not in the best hotel happen: nutrition proj for a few days, but in rural months. Few Third World govside donors; but many want tions for tenanty w the resources to enable an their very success continued and their very success contin independent national agency to do the job, for their own pro-Competent agencies exist in several developing countriessome of India's Agro-economic Research Centres are outstand-ing-but often lack the computing, teaching, or other resources to monitor projects. Appropriate international support can strengthen and help these agencies, and build them up in countries where they are not yet present.

Donors—multilateral like the World Bank or bilateral like the Ministry of Overseas Development—are not monoliths. Crudely, they contain two groups, Most of the economists, younger or recently-joined staff, and country socialists support the "new wave" of activities aimed against tural poverty, but

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Michael I Michael Lipton's Wi People Stay Poor: Urt in World Developme published yesterday by Smith. Times Newspapers L

Mr.Algy, you surprised me.

I had made up my mind to buy a gold watch. Your selection, as I had expected, was exquisite.

Then you showed me the Royal Oak. The stainless steel watch made by Audemars Piguet.

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surprised me. I had never imagined steel could feel so smooth. When steel can be

so beautiful, gold itself cannot be more precious. Mr. Algy, I think I have changed my mind.



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The Times Diary

How to tug a jury's heart strings

The most noticeable thing The most noticeable thing about the members of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America, who are holding their first convention overseas, is that they lack any uniformity of style. For every crisp-suited Perry Mason there is at least one gangly lames Stewart in an open-necked shirt, and perhaps three Zero Mostels. Other sdvocates, in bright beach shirts and sneakers or suede jackets and sneakers, or suede jackets and tartan trousers, look like used car salesmen or cowboys. "We have all the top trial lawyers in America in our mem-bership", boasts Samuel Lan-german, a past president of the association. "The people here include all the advocates who have won the leading awards

in civil torts cases across America." Yesterday morning the law-yers were discussing medical testimony and claims for medical negligence, comparing prac-nce in America with the system in England. This involved them also in comparing the English legal aid system with their own contingency fees, where their reward is a percentage of any

damages eventually won.

They whistled sympathetically when an English barrister, now qualified in California, told them the rates for legal aid fees. "The Government is controlling the remuneration of haroitests almost explusively." barristers almost exclusively, he cried, and the fees are still at rates set in 1972. Jesus Christ! said an American woice compassionately.

Herman Glaser, a New York actorney with the easy elegance and skiny shoes of a veterum

song and dance man, led a com-

arising from medical negligence. It emerged that for simple loss of an eye, which would not you 26,000 in Britain, you would be awarded at least \$50,000 in the rural counties of poorer states in America, but probably \$180,000 dollars in Miami, \$200,000 in New York, About a third of the American awards would so to the language.

would go to the lawyer.

For the death of a perfectly ordinary housewife of 42 ", an English doctor used to dealing with compensation cases suggested, an English court might award up to £10,000. A sharp attorney from Florida leapt in: no competent advocate, he said, would let a jury leave a court-room with the idea that the deceased was "perfectly

deceased was "perfectly ordinary".

"It is when you can bring in and develop the mental pain and suffering of the bereaved that you can really build up substantial awards. Even if the housewife and her husband were not getting along, or were heading for divorce and all the children were running amok." children were running anok, I could pull down a minimum of \$100,000. If things were better it would go up ... and up."
Then they fell to taking about punitive damages, rectiting with relish cases in which juries had returned verdicts of for example, \$5.92 compensatory damages for a stolen vehicle part, topped off with eight million dollars punitive million dollars putitive damages for the accident which lack of the part caused. Glaser

arison of compensation rates. had one in which he had filed it various sorts of injury, for \$750,000 dollars, "but the ising from medical negligence, jury was so incensed when we emerged that for simple loss finished they gave us unished they gave us \$1,100,000."

> out completely because you do not have a comingency fees sue. And then you miss out again because you do not usually get choice of jury trial. usually get choice of jury trial. Judges have everything scheduled out. A jury can react to each case's particular circumstances, and, of course, the trial advocacy." Whatever the merits of the British system, American law certainly works out well for American lawers.

Greater London Council Westminster City Council are at loggerheads over the celebration of the Silver Jubilee in Leicester Square. The Labour-controlled GLC have already started paving two sides of the square, planting trees, putting in seats and putting up decorative lights. But the killjoy Conservatives of Westminster have scotched their plan to hring in a covered bandstand, on the grounds that it would have been an illegal obstruction of the highway, and they object equally strenuously to other GLC plans. The GLC

to have the gardens open after dusk and to be floodlit till midnight—all splendidly jolly But Westminster say the GLC plans would turn Leicester Square into a "vandalized tourist camp," encouraging various sorts of anti-social

behaviour already witnessed in Piccadilly Circus, close by. They also protest that the idea of serving refreshments in the gardens would have irreparable effects on the grass which, they say, is of a particularly delicate

Finally they say the idea of floodlighting the Square is inappropriate when they are trying to cut spending. "The GLC can bring all sorts of pressure to bear", the Westminster spokesman said, "but we have the whip hand."

All clean

The last time I wrote about bathrooms and lavatories, a few of you wrote to the editor to complain about my unfasti-duous treatment of the topic. Treacherously, he replied to the effect that he agreed with the complaints, so I had better be extra careful this time.

The occasion for the earlier piece was a char I had with Alexander Kira, an American who wants to revolutionize our who wants to revolutionize our lavatory basins. None of his innovations, though, are on display at the new Bathroom and Shower Centre in Great Portland Street, London, which opened formally yesterday.

The ground floor section, for domestic surfaces, contains

domestic purchasers, contains 11 bathroom settings, which cost from £300 to over £1,500. But the lavatories, bidets and basins are of the conventional design which Kira finds so im-practical, though some of the baths are of unusual shape, and there is a thermostatic shower of which he would undoubtedly want to have refreshments of which served in the Square gardens, approve.



The items come in fashion-The items come in fashiou-able colours with names like harvest and sepia. And the firm are specially proud of their reinforced glass for shower doors. Michael Collins, the company's chairman, revealed that thousands of people every year are quietly lacerating themselves by slipping in the shower and falling through in-ferior glass. ferior glass.

On the first floor things are far less fancy. Most of the equipment is white and strictly practical, because it is designed for institutions. One little section which intrigued me, though, contained items described on the label as being specially, suitable for the Middle East. To reinforce the point, it was labelled in Arabic as English. It looked exactly the the other stuff, and m confided that it was, ex what he called the squat closer", which I s describe to you for featuring further editor favour.

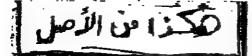
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ESIDENT CARTER

my Carter is more of an n quantity than anyone cred to the presidency of ted States in recent times. cord in government, as of the small state of for four years, is too to provide much of a His campaign was based. y in its earlier stages, to unusual extent upon ities. And his Inaugural uis designed to set a tone than to provide specific ins on policy.

theless, there are three of his speech that are of ar interest in assessing id of president Mr Carter to make. The first is his ic approach to the funcovernment. It is true that g presidents are always I to proclaim their attachvirtue, but there is a force in what Mr Carter say on this topic. This as been an essential part ppeal. He would not be it today if he had not ed while campaigning for nocratic nomination to a merican desire to be ed about the essential of government in the States. This means that of the expectations he ised, and is still delibertimulating. Mr Carter's tration will be judged to aptional degree by its well as its content. What-a material successes he ., or presides over, his ient will have to be more

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sense", Mr Carter proclaimed, government can achieve and "dictates a clearcut preference provide: "We have learned that for those societies which share with us an abiding respect for individual human rights." At one level that might be regarded as little more than a statement of the obvious. It is welcome in so far as it betokens a greater awareness that the internal nature of different regimes is a factor in international affairs, and that foreign policy is influenced by the attitudes of peoples as well as by the interests of governments. But if such an approach is taken too far it comes into conflict with the canons of classical diplomacy which are concerned with the fact of power and its containment by the international community. The balance of power and spheres of influence are not inventions of the devil. The danger with Dr Kissinger was always that he would pay too much regard to the realities of power: the danger with Mr Carter is that he may pay too little.

There is another risk with a particularly moralistic foreign policy: that its practitioners may become so accustomed to wearing a cloak of righteousness that they forget to put it aside when they are furthering their own national interest. The name of John Foster Dulles is scored on British memories. But Mr Carter has laid special stress on his wish for partnership with the other nations of the world. He does not start with the illusion that the United States alone can solve the problems of

All these dangers are reduced, indeed, by the third feature of Mr Carter's Address: its caution. policy, which is quite. He went out of his way to Our moral emphasize the limitations of what

is not necessarily more ' better', that even our great nation has its recognized limits. and that we can neither answer all questions por solve all problems." That is in keeping with the mood of the United States over the past few years when there has been a strong reaction against the gospel of big government. There is no longer the belief that greater government involvement, and the spending of more public money, are the natural answers to most problems -and therefore no longer the political imperative on officeholders to promise to solve all Mr Carter's sense of caution

has been confirmed by his appointments. During his campaign he promised to bring new faces to Washington: in practice he has shown his respect for experience. This has brought on him the wrath of liberal critics at home, but these are not com-plaints that should be echoed on this side of the Atlantic We have no reason to press an adventurous policy on Mr Carter, Indeed, in one of the most important of all fields the danger is that he may be too adventurous-in his conduct of the economy the fear must be that his eagerness to get the American economy moving again may cause him to reflate too much with consequent risks of national and international inflation. Even here, though, Mr Carter has been rather more cautious than many people had expected. One of the reasons he is the unknown President is that so frequently his policies are carefully qualified, which means that more will depend than with most holders of his office upon how he responds to its pressures.

It is inconceivable that the

Kennington Park plan would be

adopted today if it was a new

idea. A council is not necessarily

- LAMBETH CLEARANCES

Attorney General come id fast. Now another f marginally involved seek his aid to prevent Council from knocking street of more or less ole houses to make open he borough's action is nit of a policy adopted rears ago, repeatedly .d and formally re-, and supported both by our and Tory groups in cil. Lambeth has too few out it also has 17.600 on its waiting list for dation. The immediate om demolition, however, 90 squatters, and some itterness of the affair around the council's e to be seen to allow from interlopers to licies conceived (rightly

a crowded urban area th housing and open either need can take precedence. Houses are is resource, but so is tere it is scarce. The n of the borough is of them.

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actions for the attention falling, and much of the pressure on the waiting list is due more to public housing policies that tie families to one place even when their jobs are gone than to foundess for the Lambeth scene. The attitude of mind that would forbid all demolitions to create space until the last homeless family has been housed is an excessive reaction to the over-masterful approach of planners ten years ago.

Unfortunately the Kennington Park plan, inherited by Lambeth council, has all the marks of that period in planning. By over a street two moderate-sized pieces of open space, it is intended to create one large space, very handsome on the map. acreage of green per head would be marginally increased, but there would be almost no increase in the number of people within easy reach of a park. The convenient radius for prams and small footballers is only a few hundred yards, especially if a busy road intervenes. What is wanted in overcrowded areas as a series of public meetings in connexion with the Lambeth borough plan confirmed last year-is small parks and plenty

wrong in holding to a project when fashion has turned against it, but the new situation does oblige it to examine its purposes more critically than Lambeth seems to have done. There is no chance of turning St Agnes Place into parkland for yearsthe GLC has not even been asked for permission to close the road yet. In the meantime the houses used for could be accommodation—an offer has been made to restore them at no cost to the council. But rather than wait to see whether the pendulum of fashion would swing back or not, and ignoring the fact that a court injunction to restrain them was being sought, the council sent in the bulldozers, and several houses demolished. were councillors consider the matter again next week, they should be at pains not to let their feud with the squatters and their determination to have their own way distort their appreciation of the real needs of their community.

CHARTISTS OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA

ors of "Charter 77"boslovak manifesto on rights published two 10-had clearly taken re in drafting it, in signatures for it, and hing it, to do nothing the law, even in a where law is used to regime established by antly illegal action of cops. They did so not ar, for to produce and a manifesto was nably an act of great but because their prinect was to demonstrate nous gap between the of the regime and the to which it officially The manifesto began ring to the United onventions on civil and ights and on economic, 1d cultural rights gazetted in Czecholast year—and to the of the Helsinki conferions of copies of which ially published and dis-. throughout Czechoand the whole Soviet id it went on to list

To make this demonstration effective, it was necessary to deprive the regime of any even remotely convincing excuse for suppressing the manifesto and punishing its authors. That is why they were so careful to emphasize that they were not constituting a political group or an organized movement. But at the same time they must have been well aware that they were issuing a challenge to which the regime could not fail to react; and it has reacted, predictably enough, with further infringe-ments of the human rights of those whom it considers

responsible. More than a hundred of the signatories are thought to bave been affected by the wave of arrests and interrogations since the manifesto was published. (Published, that is, in the West -for while the official Czechoslovak papers have carried numerous protest statements and resolutions condemning it, they have not of course published the text itself, though it is known to be circulating covertly.) At least six intellectuals or former politicians are known to have been dismissed from their jobs for signing the charter, including its Mlynar. Most seriously, four

people have been charged with "serious criminal activities directed against the foundations of the republic". Mr Jiri Lederer and Mr Vaclav Havel in particular face charges which carry

The final act of the Helsinki

heavy prison sentences.

conference links human rights directly with détente, and gives Western governments both the right and the duty to protest about such blatant infringements. The authors of the charter -who reject the label "dissident intellectuals" and proudly describe themselves as citizens and workers-have explicitly asked for political support from democratic, socialist and communist parties and governments in the West to save them from being "badgered to death subjected to "illegal political trials on trumped up charges". The authorities in Prague, though they dare not let their critics' voice be heard, fear also to jeopardise détente. It must be made clear to them that if they continue to harass the authors of "Charter 77" that is precisely what they are doing. From them of all people, no protest about "interference in the internal affairs of a soverprincipal author, Dr Zdenek eign state" need be taken seriously.

> enfranchise large numbers of people as would the Government proposals. I believe that the Government will be well advised to follow the recommendations of the Occupa-tional Pensions Board who have advocated that participation should be on a voluntary basis. This would enable arrangements to be made which best suit the membership of individual pension schemes, whether they are represented by unions or not. The legislation being considered by the Government would be divisive and contrary to any sense of

R. J. AUSTIN, Director of Pensions, Tube Investments Limited. TI House, Birmingham.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ulster

From Sir Patrick Macrory Sir, I do hope that someone in

authority is paying attention to the letters of Mr Paul Maguire and Mr David Morrison (January 17) and in particular to the point made by Mr Morrison that the major local government services of Northern Ireland, such as health and education, are now subject to no local democratic control at all.

This is a situation ledicrously different from that recommended in 1970 by the Review Body on Local Government in Northern Ireland. There were then three tiers of local government in the tree tiers. of local government in the province the Stormont Parliament and Government, functioning in several respects as a local authority; six county and two county borough councils; and 65 urban, rural and borough councils. I and my colbottogh countries. I am my con-leagues (in a unanimous report) thought that this was an over-elaborate structure for a province smaller in extent than Yorkshire, with a population of about 11 mil-lions and a ratable value at that time lower than that of the City of Leeds.

We recommended the elimination of the middle tier, the county and county borough councils, and the transfer of their responsibilities for services such as health and education to Stormoot itself. The recommendations were in general wel-comed by both sides and accepted by the Stormont Administration. The councils were dismantled and red to Stormont—which a year or so later itself disappeared. It is to me unthinkable that we would have recommended the abolition of the county councils if we could have guessed that this was going to

happen.
The Review Body had been insistent that these great local insistent that these great local government services must be democratically controlled, at least in the sense that a citizen with a query or grievance about them should be able to buttonhole an elected representative with his problem and in the last resort compel an elected representative (as it might be, the Minister of Health) to stand up in an elected assembly (Stormont) and answer for his services. Today the citizen has no such redress. It is unlikely in the extreme that he will ever be able to get his query reised in far-off Westminster by one of the twelve Ulster MPs with their huge constituencies. I hear from my friends in Ulster repeated commy friends in Ulster repeated complaints of delay in decisions and of the difficulty of extracting an answer from the anonymous ranks

of the bureaucraes.

At the same time the citizens of Ulster are from time to time exhorted from across the water to work out their own salvation, with no policical forum in which to do so except the district councils, with their strictly limited and local powers. The policical vacuum is

Why is nothing being done? At the least, restore the county and county borough councils. Or better, as I think, establish an elected Comwhole of the province, a council which, initially at least, would have local government powers only. The Stormont buildings, complete with hibrary, Hansard and other services, stand ready to house such a body. It may be that the way back to peace, sanity and cooperation is to be found in the field of local government. I am sold that at the level of the district councils the signs of cooperation are encourag-

Yours sincerely, PATRICK MACRORY, Chairman of the Review Body on Government in Northern Ireland, 1970, The Athenaeum, Pall Mail, SW1. January 18.

Plight of the Banabans

From Sir Bernard Braine, MP for South East Essex (Conservative) Sir, Both Sir John Peel (letters. January 14) and Mr Bernard Thorogood (letters, January 12) take issue with one aspect of my article of January 10 calling for justice to be done to the Banabans. Both contend that the Banabans are Gilberrese and that the latter have, for this reason, the right to enjoy the assets of the former.

Only Sir John produced any evidence of pre-colonial links between Gilbertese and Banabans, namely "an important chief marriage"

between Beru in the Gilberts and the Banebans.

I hesitate to question a former Resident Commissioner of the Gilberts, but a paper I have before me by a predecessor of his, Mr H. E. Maude, the acknowledged authority on the area, dates this link at AD 1650 when some fugitives from political upheavals in the Gilberts arrived on Ocean Island and intermarried freely with the Banabans.

There was scarcely any other contact because Ocean Island was virtually inaccessible to the Gilberts until the arrival of European sailing ships. In short, there is no evidence that Ocean Island was regarded as part of the Gilberts until it was made so by British officials after the discovery there of rich phosphate deposits.

The right to tax Banaban phosphates to finance the administration of the Gilbert Islands, a charge which would otherwise have fallen to the British Treasury, derives from the exercise of British sovereignty over the area, not from any kinship links between the indigenous inhabitants.

No Member of Parliament, as far as I am aware, has any wish to ignore the interests of the Gilbertese people. But it is Ocean Island, not any one of the 16 Gilbert atolls, which has been totally ravaged for British, Australian and New Zealand benefic. It is the Banabens, not the Gilbertese, who have, been mercilessly bullied and cheated by successive British administrations. The Government must not be allowed to continue to thwart the Banabans' profound emotional and cultural attachment to their home land until the proceeds from the last tone of phosphate has been used to absolve Britain from her financial obligations towards her Gilbert Islands Colony. Yours sincerely BERNARD BRAINE,

The government of Educating our masters

From Sir Eric Roll

52, Your leader yesterday (January 18) on "Educating our Masters" is welcome since it raises a very important point. It is also, in my view, right in its crincism of the Fulton Report and its sequelae. But I think there is a danger that in your emphasis on the training of civil servants (however merito-rious the idea of a Staff College in itself may be) you may be helping to perpetuate the error which was the fundamental one in Fulton.

The real problem is not the training of civil servants but the relation-ship between the administrator and the politician which, for reasons which you yourself give, has for some time now been in a state of flux. The old theory that "officials advise and execute while ministers decide policy", is, to put it at its lowest, no longer adequate as a basis for their relationship.

It is in clarifying this problem, together with a host of other extremely difficult ones, such as the relation between the executive Parliament, that the true task lies. I fear that merely training civil servants more in the supposedly important but often questioned aris of business management, or what-ever else may be advocated, will hardly go anywhere to contribute

Incidentally, it is interesting that you should end on a high note concerning Ecole Nationale d'Administration when, as far as I am aware, that great French institution is coming under increasing questioning in its own country. Yours truly, ERIC ROLL,

D2 Albany, Piccadilly, W1. January 19.

From Lord Baloch Sir, Your leading article (January 18) accused Lords Pulton and Crowther-Hunt, as well as myself, of naivete (or worse) in hoping that better training for civil servants would result in better policymaking.

It must be admitted that the results, the "economic vicissitudes that have coincided with the substantial influx of economists and statisti-cians into Whitehall " might seem to justify this reprimand.

On a closer look at our misfor-tunes a different picture emerges quite apart from the fact that their dvice might well have been disregarded (a matter which cannot as yet be discussed). The article forgets that the staff college is far too young to have as yet produced permanent secretaries or even deputies. In the meantime the destruction of intellectual investment in expert knowledge conrinues by a "career planning" which snatches the ablest from the fields in which they excelled to mould them into "ali rounders".

Secondly, the staff college has to a large extent been expatriated into the rhododendron bushes of Ascot which obviously limits the extent to which a broad spectrum of experts can be systematically used to mould the outlook and analytical capacity of our budding "masters" at different levels of their career. Finally the syllabus, so far as I have experienced it, seems capable of radical improve-

I have that the reconsideration of the organization and syllabus will not be conducted in deepest secrecy which in this (as in other) vital matters has in the past led to less than optimal solutions, The French example shows that startling improvements in the international standing of a civil service can be obtained by a well-placed staff

As to the suggestion that the training of civil servants should be entrusted to business schools, I do not believe that the level or improvement of our managements justifies the confidence expressed by your correspondents (January

Yours, etc THOMAS BALOGH, Balliol College, Oxford.

From Mr John Cragie

Newspaper troubles

From Mr Kenneth G. Braidwood Sir, The casuistry of the letters from Messre K. Smith and J. Moseley (January 15 and 19) is galling. Mr David Astor's analysis of the troubles in Fleet Street which are the responsibility of management, journalists and operatives is well known throughout the industry. These faces have been a scandal since the 50s.

As a director of the Economist Innelligence Unit (EIU) in November, 1966, under the direction of Mr Geoffrey Browne, the then managing director of the EIU, I was ressponsible for presenting a report on the national newspaper industry which was commissioned by the Joint Board for the National Newspapers Industry (JBNNI), an organization which was composed of representatives of the Newspaper Publishers Association (NPA, the proprietors) and the unions including craft and industrial representatives.

This report, which had taken many months to prepare, was in-tended to be entirely confidential to the industry. However, because sections of the report gained un-authorized publicity, it was decided by the Joint Board that the report should be published in its entirety for general circulation. This was done and it was freely available to all who wanted a copy from the offices of the NPA.

This report, which remains available in many reference libraries. Mr Astor. At the time of its publication it was agreed by the representatives of management and unions that it was a fair independent and reliable study of the national newspaper business al-though each representative of the JBNNI did not necessarily agree

with every sentence in the report The present problems which the industry faces are not the outcome of difficulties which developed in recent mouths, or the past two or three years, they have been developing since the 50s. That they are receiving the attention they decrease the statement of the deserve now is a measure of the extremely precarious financial position of the majority of national newspapers which has in large part arisen from the mismanagement and trade union practices of the past

Yours sincerely, KENNETH G. BRAIDWOOD, 15 Pembroke Court, Edwardes Square, January 19.

/Sir, In reply to K. P. Smith and your editorial (January 15) regarding the non-appearance of The Times on January 14, I would like to put my point of view.

I am a newsagent and would like to point out to all Sogat, Natsopa and NGA members that if they continue to distinct the publishing

concinue to disrupt the publishing of national daily papers, they are quite happily "cutting their own throats". Since Christmas Eve some 20 million papers have been lost, so the newsagent has had nothing to sell or deliver. It is a great national habit receiving your morning paper, but without news-agents and their customers, your unions need not print any. So take heed unions and let's have some papers to sell and we can keep our business and your jobs profit-

Yours faithfully, JUHN CRAGIE, Member of the National Federation Retail Newsagents' Newcastle/Tyne Branch. 3 Bedeburn Road,

Westerhope, Nawcastle Upon Tyne. January 16.

'What the Papers Say' From the Chairman of Granada

Television Sir. David Astor's strange outburst in his letter to The Times, January 19, about the programme What the

Papers Say appeared the day after a large and friendly gathering of newspaper proprietors, editors and journalists had met for a lunch to celebrate the programme's 21st anniversary and to hear the announcement of its annual awards. to the press.
Any evidence of a state of warfare

between the media was conspicu-ously absent. Had Mr Astor seen even a representative sample of the 1,010 editions transmitted so far he would realize that the programme's criticism of Fleet Street is usually friendly and often appreciative. Of course there is the occasional skirmish, as there must be when criticism is lively, but any campaign to discredit the press exists only in his imagination. If Mr Astor doubts this, he could consult any of the following Maoist guerrillas, each of whom has presented a score or more editions of What the Papers Sau: Brian Inglis, Michael Frayn, Harry Evans, Bill Grundy. Michael Parkin-son. Anthony Howard. Richard Ingrams, George Gale: or any of the founding producers: Ieremy Issacs. David Plowright, Michael Woollerand myself. Yours faithfully,

DENIS FORMAN. Chairman, Granada Television. 36 Golden Square, W1.

The sale of Mentmore

From the Editor of The Connoisseur Sir, I am writing to you about Mentmore because the wrong decision has been taken about the future of this house and its collections, which are not widely known and which are of paramount importance. The case of Mentmore demonstrates in extreme form the problems faced by the owner of such a heritage, the goverament department responsible for negotiating its future and the saleroom, in this case Sotheby's, brought in to advise.

Menumore was built for Baron Meyer Amschel de Rothschild to the designs of Sir Joseph Paxton and G. H. Stokes between 1850 and 1855. It is a grand, cumbersome and remarkable building in the English Renaissance style. Meyer Amschel's reste was in advance of his time taste was in advance of his time and given the resources at his disposal, it is not surprising that he was able to bring together one of the most remarkable collections in Britain.

Even if one were to leave aside the paintings by Rembrandt, Murillo and Turner, the Sèvres porcelain, tapestries, bronzes, Limoges enamels and priceless objects from the Doges Palace in Venice, the collection of French furniture would cank as one of the finest in the world. The fifth Earl of Rosebery

married Rothschild's daughter in 1878 and his grandson, the present Earl, offered the house and contents to the nation in lieu of death duries. Negotiations went on for many weary months to determine the feasibility of this plan. Inevitably, the cart was put before the horse and the Victoria and Albert Museum who would have had the task of running the house, had far less opportunity to examine the collection than the Sotheby's representatives, whose view of the problem must be very different. They are after all, primarily concerned with making money for their clients and themselves and cannot be thought of as guardians of the

It seems that Mentmore must now go the way of Blackmore and other comparable houses. In terms of its intrinsic quality and historical interest, the importance of this collection, as a collection, cannot be overestimated; it reflects the highly civilized raste of a very wealthy man, collecting at a time when Britain's real power was at its greatest. It is scandalous that it should be broken un, and the Department of the Environment, perhaps even Sotheby's, owe all those interested an explanation. Yours faithfully,

napion's heritage.

WILLIAM ALLAN, Editor. The Connoisseur. Chestergate House, Vauxhall Bridge Road, SW1.

Improving our surroundings

From Professor Sir Colin Buchanan Sir, Whenever I return to this country from my travels I experience a profound feeling of thankfulness that I live where I do, and there is much more to this than the mere fact of returning home. Even so, this feeling is tempered by the realization that there are many things which other countries seem to manage much better than we

One of these concerns the way we design and maintain our sur-roundings. I do not refer to the complex social problems of inner city areas or anything like that, but simply to the architecture of buildings and the design of everything else that is seen and used by the public, including the seats, the litter bins, the walking surfaces, the walls, the lights, the planning, the bus shehrers and the things on private property, which neverthe-less form part of the public environment.

When I compare our standards in these matters with those of many other European countries, I con-clude that we are far behind, with a great deal of our work being cheap, shoddy, commonplace and badly pur together. This is a pity because the quality of a nation's architecture and public design is an index, though admittedly not the only one and certainly not the most important one, of its level of

This state of affairs exists in spite of the work of the planning authorities, the Design Council, the Civic Trust and its brood of local societies, and the Royal Fine Arr Commission. It seems to be one of those cases, not uncommon in our society today, where lots of people are beavering away, convinced they are changing things for the better when in fact, because there in no one to take an independent, overall view, there is either no change at all or things are actually getting worse. What seems to be needed in the case I am discussing is somebody to oversee the position and to represent as necessary.

It is my view that the need would best be filled by a reconstituted Royal Fine Art Commission. I have been privileged to serve on the Commission and I do not seek for one moment to criticize its work within its terms of reference. But the fact remains that for practical purposes, the Commission only pronounces on designs for buildings submitted to by local authorities who find themselves in doubt, and the total of these cases is a minute fraction of all the buildings erected aonually.

The Commission's throughput is not enough to be doing anything for British architecture, though it may prevent some crimes. I am not suggesting the Commission should become some kind of super planning authority checking every planning application—bitter experi-ence since 1947 shows that good design does not come that way.

I suggest that whilst consi to deal with individual controversial designs, the Commission's mrin task should be to oversee the physical environment, to report fearlessly where things are going wrong or taste is hopelessly bad, wrong or taste is hopelessly bad, of which education is likely to be the most important, for truly has it been said that people get the architecture they deserve. Yours faithfully,

COLIN BUCHANAN, Visiting Professor, Imperial College of Science and Technology, SW7. January 19.

Entering Britain

From Mr Arthur S. Abeles Sir, Holders of Eritish passports, very rightly, enter a special gute when going through immigration at British airports.

People from the Commonwealth and the EEC countries also have separate channels. The fourth division is for "All Other Passports", and that's where I found myself, 400th in line, a few

mornings ago at lieathrow. About an hour later I was able to rejoin my wife who is British and who had slipped through in no time at all.

As a resident (and taxpayer) in Britain for almost 30 years, may I suggest that one of the three privileged channels be extended to British residents?

This would spare us the need in shuffle into Britain along with Jumbo-loads of murists—and it might even, however slightly, reduce their suffering, too. Yours faithfully ARTHUR ABELES.

From the office of the Co-Chairman Cinema International Corporation, 139 Piccadilly, W1. Japuary 19.

Homes for the beagles

From the Executive Director of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Sir, As a result of the enormous

publicity given to us by the press we have been overwhelmed by the offers of homes for the beagles rescued by the RSPCA. Over 5,000 letters have already been receivedincluding some from Germanytogether with an equivalent number of telephone calls.

We are happy to say that every one of the 550 dogs has now been offered a new home but only after each prospective new owner has been made aware of the difficulties to be expected with some of the animals. The RSPCA will continue to carefully monitor the welfare of these animals in their new homes.

We know that the many disappointed applicants will be relieved to know that good homes have been found for these beagles and, if their offer still stands, there are many other animals in RSPCA homes who are anxiously awaiting adoption. Yours faithfully,

R. F. SEAGER, Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelry to Animals. Causeway, Horsham,

Sussex. January 17.

S. McLeod, Chairman of cial Security Committee, π (The Times, December ery properly challenged a statements made by the State, Mr Stanley Orme, recent interview with itone on the implications vernment's proposals for m participation in the f occupational pension

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.. J. Austin

tions do of course have a interest in the pension or their members. How-lovernment White Paper al Pension Schemes—the .mbers in the Running of roposes that trade unions e exclusive rights to the appointment of 50 per cent of the representatives on the controlling bodies of pension funds, even if the trade unions have negotiating rights for only a small proportion of the membership of a scheme.

The Minister asserts that "the vast majority of people in pension schemes are trade unionists". Mr McLeod rightly challenged the Minister to substantiate this statement. Those concerned with pen-sions know of many instances where schemes include a very high pro-portion of members who are not collectively represented by trade

An increasing number of companies with occupational pension schemes have provisions for member participation in the management of the funds and the administration of the schemes. These arrangements are not exclusive and do not disYours, etc.



COURT CIRCULAR

KENSINGTON PALACE January 20: The Duchess of Cloucester visited the Kids National Centre for Cued Spench in Sedlescombe Road, London, Miss Susanna Cryer was in

YORK HOUSE January 20: The Duke of Kent today visited the factory of Rota-print Limited, NW9, in connexion with the British Overseas Trade Board's North London and Luton Export Conference.
His Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Lieutenaut-Commander Richard

Princess Alice, Countess of Ath-lone, has gone abroad and will be returning to England in early April.

Buckley, RN.

A memorial service for Lord Forester will be held at All Saints' Church, Broseley, on Monday, January 24 at 2.30 pm.

A memorial service for Dr Philip Carter will be held on Friday. February 11 at 3.30 pm, in South-

The Opera and Ballet Gala in aid of Kids will take place at the London Coliseum on March 27.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr E. J. Pnig Ruano
and Miss S. M. R. Troup
The engagement is announced
between Eduardo, son of Mr and
Mrs Eduardo Puig de Rojas, of
Orla 32 Madrid, and Sara Melisande, daughter of Vice-Admiral Sir Anthony Troup, KCB, DSC, of Bridge Gardens, Eungerford, Berkshire, and Mrs F. E. Ashmead-Bartlett, of 24 Napier Court, Hurlingbam, London.

Mr. M. J. Fitch Kemp and Miss C. Wetson The engagement is announced between Mark, son of the lare Major Ralph Fitch Kemp and of Mrs Fitch Kemp, of Seven Springs, Bismore, Eastcombe, Stroud, and Carole, daughter of Mr and Mrs Wetson, of 1 Ermin Park, Brock-worth, Gloucestershire.

Mr W. R. C. Jackson and Miss N. M. Davis
The engagement is announced between Roland, son of Mr and Mrs W. T. Jackson, of Routen, Emerdale, Cumbria, and Nicola, daughter of Professor and Mrs P. R. Davis, of Ashtead, Surrey.

Mr A. R. D. McArthur and Miss S. D. Cheshire
The engagement is announced between Dayrell, elder son of Mr and Mrs Dennis McArthur, of Caisson House, Combe Hay, Bath, and Susan, daughter of Mr Christopher Cheshire and Mrs Audrey Parry, and stepdaughter of Mr Hugh Parry, of Grenville Lodge, Henley-on-Thames.

Mr R. J. Scholes'
and Miss K. E. Keoph
The engagement is announced
between Rodney James, only son
of the late Mr Henry Scholes and
Mrs M. Bower, of Widnes,
Cheshire, and Katherin Elizabeth,
only duebter of Mr and Mes only daughter of Mr and Mrs Dermot Keogh, of New Mills, Derbyshire.

Mr T. P. Basset and Miss M. H. Barton The engagement is announced between Thomas Patrick Easset, of Turners, Belchamp St Paul, Sud-bury, Suffolk, son of the late Rev G. H. and Mrs Basset, and Meg Hope, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs R. H. H. Barton, of Eyston Smyths Farm, Foxearth, Sudbury, Suffolk.

Mr D. W. Hatton and Miss J. E. Ashworth The engagement is announced between David William, elder son of Mr and Mrs T. William Hatton, of Bolton, Lancashire, and Janes Elizabeth, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Ashworth, of Stand-royd House, Colne, Lancashire.

Mr D. F. Jamleson and Miss L. A. Fish The engagement is announced between Donald Francis, second son of Mr and Mrs F. S. Jamicson, of Tron Cottage, Stenton, East Lothian, and Lorraine Alison, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs A. S. Fish, of Constantia, Cape Town

Mr E. J. Nightingale and Miss C. J. Aldridge The engagement is aunounced between Ernest John, son of Mr and Mrs E. Nightingale, of Bed-ford, and Caroline Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. R. Aldridge, of Easton Hall, Easton on the Hill, Lincolnshire.

Mr J. M. B. Pratt and Mrs D. M. Brooksmith The marriage will take place quietly in April between John Michael Brian Pratt, and Doreen Maud Brooksmith, both of Edge Grove, Aldenham, Hertfordshire.

Mr C. T. Urwin and Miss T. L. Matsen
The engagement is announced between Clive, younger son of Mr and Mrs Thomas. A. Urwin, of 62 The Dale, Widley. Portsmouth, and Turid! youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Willy B. Matsen, of Furumoen 7, Ljan, Oslo, Norway.

Mr N. J. Elphick
and Miss D. R. Manning
The engagement is aunounced
between Nicholas, elder son of
Mr and Mrs J. O. Elphick, of
Corringway. Ealing, and Denise,
daughter of Mr and Mrs L. E.
Manning, of Argyle Road, Ealing.

Or R. A. Horne and Dr H. L. Taylor The engagement is announced between Richard Alan, son of Mr and Mrs R. S. Herne, of Lewesteft, Suffolk, and Helen Louise, third daughter of Mr F. W. Taylor, of Dore, Sheffield, and the late Mrs Gladys Taylor.

Mr P. R. Johnson and Miss C. P. Davies and Miss C. P. Davies
The engagament is announced between Peter Robert, only son of,
Mr Robert Johnson and the lyte
Mrs Irene Johnson, of Great
Crosby, Liverpool, and Caroline
Patricia, elder daughter of Mr and
Mrs J. Patrick Davies, of Lilleshall, Shropshire.

Mr M. A. C. Packard and Miss L. M. Shortland The engagement is announced between Mark, second son of Brigadier and Mrs J. J. Packard, of Barbican, City of London, and Linda, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J. A. Shorrland, of Lytham St Annes, Laucashire.

and Miss S. N. Lywood
The engagement is announced
between Robert, son of Mrs D.
Spuring and the late Captain
E. J. Spuring of Hove, and
Susan, daughter of Wing Commander A. M. G. Lywood. DFC,
of Headbourne Worthy, and the
late Mrs C. M. Lywood.

Mr M. J. V. Winshurst and Miss K. S. Taylor
The engagement is announced between Martyn, son of Mr and Mrs H. V. Winshurst, of Umkomaas, Naral, Republic of South Africa, and Kathryn, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Taylor, of Summer Hill, Cookham Dean, Berkshire.



RPO president: Malcolm Williamson, Master of the Queen's Music, who has been made a first president of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. The orchestra also announced yesterday that it is to give a musical tribute to the Queen on her silver jubilee, at the Albert Hall on February 6, the anni-

versary of her accession. The tribute, called A Royal Entertainment, will be compered by Sir Richard Attenborough

Manchester

Acron Mr William Gutteridge, director of complementary studies, has been appointed to a personal chair in international studies.

£12,000 for violin found in attic

By Geraldine Norman

Sale Room Correspondent A violin proved the star of Phillips's musical instrument sale yesterday, at £12,000 festimate £5,000 to £8,000). It had been catalogued as the work of Anselmo Bellosio of Venice and dated to about 1786; in that, Phillips were following W. E. Hill & Sons, the famous violin dealers, who sold it under that description in 1950 for £450.

Phillips, however, suspected that the instrument was made 50 or 60 years earlier, when there were several more highly regarded violin makers in Venice. The name of Carlo Tononi was suggested. The international clientele who attended the sale were clearly also of that opinion, hence the high price. The instrument was bought by a professional player and will stay in Britain.

It had come in for sale from the West Country, where it had been in an attic. It arrived at Phillips's without bridge or strings otherwise in good condition. The sale also included a cello attributed to a member of the Grancino family and dated about

1700 : it had been cut down from

Marriage

theless made 23,200 (esumate £2,000), going to Nemes. Curiosities included pairs of sycamore planks roughly cut from a tree trunk to a size suitable for a celloback at up to £55 a pair, and a nineteenth-century Armenian long lute or tar at £65. The sale totalled £49,014, with less than 1 per cent movels.

At Christie's South Kensington a saie of costume, embroidery and textiles made £20,168, with 3 per cent unsold. The top price of £2,600 (estimate £300 to £1,200) was paid by Mayoreas for a seventeenth-century needlework casket embroidered with biblical sevence.

The Victoria and Albert Museum acquired three lots of eighteenthcentury printed cottons. It paid £150 for a joined panel of French cotton printed with sepia scanes from the life of Henry of Navarre, fillo for a French cotton curtain printed with classical motifs of about 1790, and £45 for a late-eighteenth-century English joined panel of cotton printed in brown with scenes of the fall of Tipu cashib

Two Indo-Portuguese eighteenthcentury coveriety went for 1600 cach (estimate £400 to £600); one in linen embroidered with flowers, the other of dark blue velvet decorated with applique work and

embroidery.
At Sotheby's Belgravia a sale At Sotheby's Belgravia a sale of oriental furniture and ceramics made £85,369, with less than 1 per cent unsold. A rosewood ivoryand-gold-lacquer Japanese display cabinet made £5,600 (estimate £800 to £1,500) and a large pair of knart vases and covers £1,700 (estimate £800 to £1,000).

A sale of jewelry at Sotheby Parke Bernet in New York on Wednesday made £297,835, with nine lots out of 154 unsold. A 32.25 carat emerald-cut diamond, mounted as a ring, made \$87,500 (estimate \$60,000 to \$80,000) or £50,725.

In London yesterday a Sotheby jewel sale made £170,544, with 7 per cent unsold, and a silver sale £35,335, with 7 per cent unsold. A furniture sale at Christie's made £56,037, with 8 per cent unsold. ES6,037, with 8 per cent unsoid. Furniture: At Woolley and Wallis'srooms, Salisbury, a sale of antique furniture, porcelain and metal work reached an estimated total of £54,000 yesterday. It included a fine Georgian mahogany serpentine-fronted hall chest, which made £1,900, a George I burr-walnut eight-day long-case clock at £1,650, and a Sheraton-period lady's mahogany sylinder writing desk, at £1,550.



Lambeth award

Mr C. R. Hunter and Miss A. K. Gow

attended by Miss Clunie Gow, Miss Sarab Chamberiayne, Tabitha and Flora Ross. Emily and Katherine Scott, Laura Chamberiayne, Sophie Scott and Rupert Mitchell. Mr Simon Hunter was best man. A reception was held in the state apartment of the royal bospital and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Birthdays today

Mr Rohan Butier, 60; Sir Nicholas Cayzer, 67; the Rev J. S. Coven-try, SJ, 62; Dr Duncan Grant, 92; Dr John Hayes, 48; Major-Gen-eral A. P. W. Hope, 66; Sir George H. Middleton, 67; Mr Paul Scoffeld, 55; Professor Sir William Weipers, 73; Mr Laurence Whistler, 65.

Latest appointments

Mr Shore, Secretary of State for the Environment, has appointed Mr David Widdicombe, QC, as chairman of the panel to conduct the public examination into matters arising from the Oxford-shire Structure Plan, submitted by the county council in September last year.
The other members of the panel

By a Staff Reporter

Part of an altar has been discovered by gravediggers working on the site of a Roman fort at Inveresk, in East Lothian. It takes the form of an inscribed stone, unique among Roman inscriptions in Scotlaud, and representing a discovery of great historical importance.

Mr David Robertson, the grave-yard superintendent, and his men were praised yesterday by the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland. Without careful inspection by them the stone would never have come to light, the commission said.

The find was made last mouth at St Michael's, Inveresk, and miams, supreme find the store of the Roman around Inveresk.

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Latest wills Mrs Charlotte Elizabeth Sheridan,

of Dorchester, Dorse, left f120,424 net. After personal be-quests she left the residue equally between the British Heart Foun-dation, RSPCA, Spastics Society and RNTD. dation, RSPCA, Spastics Society and RNID.

Mrs Dorothy Mary McAinsh, of Bournemouth, left £101,224 net. After personal legacies totalling £22,900 she left the residue equally between the Salvation Army, the Not-Forgotten Association and the Nanional Trust.

Other estates include (net, before duty paid; duty not disclosed): Bardett, Mr Henry John, of Chingford, London £131,308 Biddulph, Mr Reginald Vivian, of Seaford, retired Canadian government official £102,858 Clark, Mrs Gladys Mabel. of Hampstead £110,639 Aon, Mr Gordon Wells, of Brighton £155,655 Vince, Mr Frederick William, of frowbridge £167,769 Feoman, Miss Alice Beryl, of irreatham dation, RS and RNID.

25 years ago Delay on Austria

powers are remilitarizing Austria. This red herring first made its appearance under the heading of "other business" at a meeting of the Allied Council here on September 28. Since then it has been repeated all nauseum at almost every meeting although the three western allies have not only refuted the charge as a whole but have also invited the Sovier High Commissioner, General Sviridov, to go and see for himself that the specific examples given are devoid of foundation. Russian armed forces six years after the end of the war number between 40,000 and 50,000, about equal to the combined total of the other three occupying powers. From The Times of Monday, Jan 21, 1952 From Our Own Correspondent Vienna, Jan 20.—Austrians have heard without surprise that the Soviet Government's tardy reply to the invitation to a meeting of the Foreign Ministers' deputies once again makes the conclusion. of an Austrian peace treaty con-ditional on a settlement of the question of Trieste. Still less were they astonished at the other stumbling block; the allegation that the three western occupying

in the Chapel of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, between Mr Charles Hunter and Miss Katle Gow. The Rev W. Evans officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wors a veil of old Brussels lace and a headdress of diamonds, freesias and illies-of-the-valley. She was attended by Miss Clunie Gow, Miss Sarah Chamberlayue, Tabitha and Flora Ross. medical director of St Christo-pher's Hospice, in south London, which has a reputation throughout the world for its care of people with terminal filmess. The archbishop's powers to con-

er Lambeth degrees in divinity, arts, law, medicine, and music date from the reign of Henry VIII and are frugally exercised.

Sir Harold Kent, QC, who recently redred as Vicar-General of the Province of Canterbury, Dean of the Arches Court of Canterbury and auditor of the Chancery Court of York, is to receive a Lambeth doctorate of civil law civil law.

Mr George Guest, organist of St John's College, Cambridge, since 1951, and Mr Hugh Baycroft, organist of All Saints' Cathedral, Edmonton, Canada, are to receive Lambeth doctorates of music.

at St Michael's, Inveresk, and consists of the lower half of an altar together with fragments of

two stone columns.

Mr Robertson told Mr Gordon

Maxwell, an investigator with the commission, who has for several

Today's engagements

The Lord Mayor of London opens
Lord Mayor's Art Award Exhibition, Guildhall, 3.30.
Exhibition: Pompeii AD79, reconstruction of city destroyed by
Vesuvius, Royal Academy, 10-8.
Second World War Aircraft Ex-

Second World War Aircraft Exhibition, Skyfame Aircraft Museum, Staverton Airport, Cheiteobam, 11-5.
Lunchtime music: Janet Dick, plano, Bruce Ruddock, barrione. Gerald Tolan, guitar, Guildhali School of Music and Drama, John Carpenter Street, City, 1.10.

Luncheons

The Carmen's Company held a luncheon in Stationers' Hall yesterday. The Muster, Sir John Coben, presided with the Wardens, Mr W. A. McPhafl and Mr J. E. O. Armold. Among those present were Alderman Sir Robert Bellinger and Mr Peter Walker, MP.

years maintained an unofficial record of the Roman objects found

around Inveresk.

An unusual feature of the altar is that it has been used twice and bears two inscriptions, one cut on top of the other. Such examples, while not anknown, are rare, and this is the first found on a Scottish size.

on a Scottish site.

It was customary for the earlier inscription to be almost totally erased before the cutting of the

secondary text began, but both texts can be deciphered with rela-

The historical importance of the find lies in the fact that the altar was first dedicated by an imperial procurator, Quintus Lucius Satinianus, supreme financial administrator of the province of Britanusia.

Britannia.

It is only the second such altar dedicated by the procurator to be found in more than 400 years, the first being discovered in 1565

Dinner Lord Mayor

The Lord Mayor entertained at dinner at the Mansion House last night members of the Court of Common Council, the Chairman

common Council, the Chairman of the Greater London Council, the Lord Mayor of Westminster, the mayors of the Greater London borongha, aldermen, sheriffs, high officers of the corporation and ward clerks of the City of London. The Lord Mayor, the Chairman

Rare Roman altar found

at fort by gravediggers

of the GLC, the Lord Mayor of Westminster and the Chief Com-moner were the speakers.

Service luncheon

General Lord Bourne General Lord Bourpe was host at a luncheon given yesterday in the House of Lords to mark the con-clusion by Field Marshal Sir Geoffrey Baker of his term of office as Master Gunner, St James's Park.

Fifty-four Colonels Command-ant, Royal Artillery, were present, including General Sir Harry Turo, the new Master Gunner. me new Master Gunner.
The health of the Field Marshal
was proposed, by LieuterautColonel Lord Mancroft (Honorary
Colonel Commandant).

Service dinner

Transport Officer in Chief (Army) The Transport Officer in Chief (Army) Major-General P. H. Ben-son, held a dinner last night at the RCT Bendquarters Officers Mess, Aldershot. The principal guests were:

Gueral Str William Jackson, General Str Jack Harmen, Roar-Admiral M. H. Griffin, Major-General M. Callan, Major-General L. W. A. Gingell, Art Vice-Marshal P. G. K. Williamson, Mr A. F. Prouten, Mr G. Domaldson, and Mr P. W. Rowe.

college proposed at

New clinical OBITUARY

Oxford From Our Correspondent

Oxford

Proposals for the foundation of a rroposals for the foundation of a new college at Oxford will be debated by Congregation on February 5. The name suggested is Radcliffe College and its junior members would be mainly postgraduate students of clinical medicine.

medicine.

It would be housed in the Radcliffe Observatory, including the Tower of the Winds, the eighteenth-century architectural masterpiece, and the arcillary buildings. They will become fully available for university purposes with the completion of the second phase of the John Radcliffe Hospital at Headington, which is expected to be in full operation by 1979.

The naiversity authorities, who

The university authorities, who have been discussing the proposals since Michaelmas term, 1975, think that because of the growth towards an intrice each year of a hundred clinical students, and a total of 300 by 1981, the present financial arrangements to support tutarial teaching will be inade-quate. Action is needed if personal teaching and supervision, the cen-tral features of the Oxford clinical course, are to be maintained.

It is felt that there is a need It is felt that there is a need to offer junior membership in a new society to clinical scadents because they have to work long hours and bave to be in Oxferd for 46 weeks in a year, and they are drawn together by a sense of vocation for social as well as academic needs. Their present social club in Osler House will become seriously overcrowded as the total of clinical students rises towards 300.

towards 300.

The Radcliffe Observatory site and buildings, next door to the Radcliffe Infirmary, would require no outlay except for the conversion, partly to provide students with places to live. Money would be needed to endow the new society, which would aim at becoming self-supporting as unickly as possible. would aim at becoming self-supporting as quickity as possible. Sir Richard Doll, Regius Pro-fessor of Medicine at Oxford, said a number of benefactions had been received, which would emble the sponsors to make a start, although on a smiller scale than they would have liked. Benefactors include the Rhodes Trust and the Rad-cliffe Trustees, and there is a promise of support from Black-wells, the Oxford booksellers and publishers.

publishers.

Sir Richard said: "The new society can be established only if it is not a drain on university funds or existing colleges." It would be specifically excluded from any claims on the college coutributions fund, a scheme by which richer colleges in Oxford

which richer colleges in Oxford help the poorer ones.

The hope was that the university would continue to maintain facilities for the clinical school for the time being but that eventually the new society would be able to do without that.

Although the junior membership would be predominantly clinical students, the senior membership would be drawn not only from clinicians but from non-clinical disciplines.

Sir Richard thought questions might be raised about the proposed departure from the multidiscipline tradition of Oxford colleges by concentrating junior membership almost exclusively on a single discipline, but it should not be regarded as a completely new remure in that respect.

University news

Mr B. T. Robson, MA. PhD (Cantab), lecturer in geography at Cambridge University, has been appointed to a chair of geography from October 1, in succession to Professor T. W. Freeman. Exeter

Exeter
The following honorary degrees
will be conferred in July:
billt: Emerius Professor H. B. Garland, head of the German department
of University College of the South
West three Exeter University, 1947-72,
and Mr C. E. Causley, boot, teacher
and broadcaster.
Disc: Professor A. Hewish, professor
of radio astronomy at Cambridge: and
Dr P. D. Wilfriell, who set up the
Ciylux Resourch Laboratories in 1963.
The South Western Regional Health
Authority has awarded a grant of
213.085 to Dr F. C. Flack for stedies
in speech thereby.

Million-year-old link with man found in Greece

From Mario Modiano

found food remains of animals that had been cooked on a fire at levels corresponding to a period of between 700,000 and 1,100,000 years ago.

He added that the dating was not set absolute but it was elected.

in northern Greece had yielded evidence of human habitation of one million years ago.

He told a general meeting of the society that in the course of excavations in 1976 he had

not yet absolute, but it was clear that this was probably the earliest man-made fire in Europe Dr Poulianos, who was Mos-

From Mario Modiano
Athens, Jan 20
Dr Aris Poulianos, who has just been reelected president of the Greek Anthropological Society, revealed today that excavations at the Petralona cave in northern Greece had yielded the cave would be completed within the next few weeks, be comtrained, found in the Petrawithin the next few weeks, he said. It would then be possible to use an electric drill to extract the skeleton from the

> Petralona cave, which is V-shaped and about 5,000ft long, is situated some 38 miles southeast of Salonika

Dr Poulianos, who has been exploring the cave for the past 12 years, believes that his discoveries are likely to force a revision of prevailing theories about the geography of the evolution of man.

Science report

Contraception: Intra-uterine devices

uterine contraceptive devices are generally smaller than the pioneer models of 20 years ago, and many of these new, small IUDs incor-porate some metallic copper to augment their contraceptive effect. augment their contraceptive effect. In general the manufacturers recommend that copper-covered IUDs should be replaced every two years if their reliability is not to decline, but there has been little clinical evidence to support the policy.

Two research papers just published have reinforced that advice. The first, from the Western General Hospital, Edinburgh, reported the result of microscopic examina-

eral Hospital, Edinburgh, reported the result of microscopic examination of copper IVDs removed from women attending family planning clinics. Those removed within a few months looked little different from the shining unused models; but after a year the copper became blackened and after two years there were obvious encrustations. Further tests showed that the deposits on the copper wire were

made of calcium and that the thick-ness of the calcium layer in-creased with time. Does that encrustation matter? creased with time.

Does that encrustation matter?

The second research study from King's College Hospital, London, suggests that it does. Women attending the family-planning clinic there who had used copper IUDs for two years were divided into two groups. The first, of 483 women, continued with their original YID left undisturbed; the second group, of 183 women, had their old IUDs replaced with now ones. Both groups were then observed for another year.

There were 12 pregnancies in the women who kept their old IUDs and node in those whose IUDs were replaced. However, the women who kept their old IUDs and node in those whose IUDs were replaced. However, the women who kept their old IUDs and node in those whose IUDs were replaced. However, the women who kept their old IUDs and node in those whose IUDs were replaced with now ones with groups which are common in the early months after first insertion of an IUD, did not succeed to the did not into the women who kept their old IUDs and node in those whose IUDs replaced with now ones. Both groups were then observed for another year.

There were 12 pregnancies in the women who kept their old IUDs and node in those whose IUDs and node in the women who kept their old IUDs are placed as might be expected from previous studies; but the evidence does suggest that replacement of copper IUDs should reduce the frequency of unwanted pregnancies.

By Out Medical Journal, Jan 22, p 197.

Inevitably the initial group of women included some who were not suited (physically or psychologically) to the method, and those who went on to the third year were therefore a selected trapple.

PROFESSOR JOSEPH TRUETA

he realized that as the Nationalist armies approached Barcelona in the winter of 1938 is would be impossible for him paedic Surgery in the University of Oxford from 1949 to 1956. On his retirement he was made Professor Emeritus.

Born in Barcelona in 1897, the studied medicine in the University of Paradagan and considerations. to work with them, and so he decided to move himself and his family to England early in

After a period in London, where he was in considerable request as a lecturer on military traumatology and practical Air Raid Precautions, he was invited to Oxford and the Wingversity of Barcelona and specialized in surgery. In 1929 he became chief surgeon to the Caja de Provision y Socorro, which treated forty thousand cases of accidents a year.
In 1933 he became Assistant field-Morris Bospital where he was made Adviser of the Min-Professor of Surgical Pathology at the University of Barcelona and in 1935 chief surgeon to ister of Health. He later tnok charge of the accident service at the Radcliffe Infirmary. Finally in 1949 he was elected to the Nuffield Chair at Oxford. the Hospital de la Santa Cruz i' Sant Pau and Professor of Surgery at the university.
When the Spanish Civil War Some years later, under a fresh endowment by Lord Nuffield, he was instrumental in reorganizing the Wingfield-Morris hospital with the Nuf-field Department of Orthopacbroke our Barcelona was subjected to continuous air raids by the air forces support at the nationalists and it was from these and his treatments of dic Surgery as the Nuffield battlefield casualties that Trueta Orthopaedic Centre, which benational centres for treatment, study and research in orthoing severe war wounds, especi-ally those involving damage to

paedic surgery.

Meanwhile he had never bones. In this he was spurred ceased to pursue his scientific casualty surgeon that the then normal resort, amoutation, must be unnecessary. In stages be and academic studies which by 1961 amounted to more than a arrived at the technique of en-closing shattered limbs in plas-ter of Paris and cutting off areas infected by bacteria from the main bloodstream. He also hundred and thirty papers, monographs and books, including many on the growth and nutrition of bone. The most widely known of his earlier works are Treatment of War Wounds and Fractures (1939). became sharply aware of the and Principles and Practice of War Surgery (1943), while his Scudies of the Renal Circulaor blitzed area to the operating table. These techniques were

mystique et finic avec la

general tendency against which

he set his face. Together with

summed up

A pioneer contribution to war surgery Professor Joseph Truetz, a Spanish surgeon whose experience in the Spanish Civil War revolutionized many aspects of war surgery, has died in Barcelona at the age of 79. He had spent 27 years in Britain and was Nuffield Professor of Orthopagedic Surgery in the University of war would be impossible for him. By this time his remainded to the country in T. Of Catalonia (1946). wrote on various as medical history and verged into the histor

By this time his r was international and showered with honours made him an Hon France a Chevalier Legion of Honour H FRCS and an Hon Fig. rkcs and an hone;
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A tall, handsome, man with a vivacious spirit and a ready adorned Oxford Soc reaching he profess limit in 1966 he reshortly afterwards de his Catalonian m

Barcelona He married in 192 Llacima, They had daughters. His wife

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ALEXANDER DRU

Alexander ! Alick - Dru. who gas died at his son's home, Pixton Park, Dulverton, Somer-set at the age of 72 was a remarkable man who made a uniquel; balanced life for him-

perfected his rechnique of treat-

by his earlier conviction as a

necessity for speed in getting the patient from the battletield

His French father, Gaston Dru de Mongelaz, whose only child he was, had begun life as a journalist. He was sent by one of the great Paris papers to write articles on Tsarier Russia following the Franco-Russian understanding of 1907. His articles were severely critical, and his editor explained to him they could not appear because the purpose had been to condition the minds of the French investing public to invest in Russia. His reaction was prompt: that journalism was a branch of finance it would be better to become a financier, and he west on to achieve success in

mining finance. He married an English wife, the sister of Dom Stephen Rawlinson of Downside, where his son was educated. After Cambridge Alick Dru spent a good deal of time on the Contineut, and developed a strong interest in the history of Christian spirituality, parti-cularly in France and Germany. He first made his mark in the early 1930s among those who were introducing the Danish theologian, Kierkegaard to a new generation of English readers. He taught himself Danish and edited Kierkegaard's journals. He was deeply versed in German pietism, and wrote a study of the German Catholic Church in the modern age and introduced the writings of Adrienne von Speyer on St John. This led to a lifelong friendship with the Swiss thinker Hugo von Balthasar. But French Catholicism was his main field. He wrote a book on Charles Péguy, whose dictum Tout commence avec la

Dom Illryd Trethowan of Down-side he translated Maurice Blondel's Letter on Apologetics. He made a great distinction between the vessel and its much more precious contents, and he argued that religion was essentially personal, and that modern apologetics, ever since Trent, had undervalued the essential role of the imagination and experience by contrast with syllogistic rationalism. As a young man his Gallic was with the Infants mind was accompanied by a quick temper, and discussion easily became heated, but he drew the moral from watching how continental thinkers let their peace of mind

destroyed by polemics, and he resolved to live more wisely himself. In the War he served as a major in Intelligence attached to the Poles, and it was at that time that he married Gabriel Herbert by whom he bad four children. After the War he settled in her native Somerset, and threw himself wholeheartedly into the quiet, agricultural preoccupations and the rhythm of the countryside. He continued his intellectual interests, and was a valued, astringent reviewer in The Downside Review, and especially in The Times Literary Supplement. He became increasingly mellow in his later years, serene, while not abating the sharpness of his critical faculties, maintaining affectionate relations with those with whom he differed profoundly about the Church. A few weeks before his death

he wrote to a friend: "I find myself, unlike the contemporary Church, thinking more and more about the next world and less and less about the third world."

the range of gardening products for the Wilkinson Sword Com-

pany. These designs earned him a gold and silver medal from the International Triennale in

Milan (1960-64) and three awards from the Council of Industrial Design (1957-58-64).

Hulme Chadwick was presi-

dent of the Society of Industrial Artists and Designers in 1966,

a Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects, an honorary Design Associate of Manchester College of Art and an Associate of the Royal Aeronautical Society. He was appointed a Royal Designer for Industry in 1975.

His was a flamboyant and

jovial personality, but behind

and sensitive artist. Apart from the quality of his work as a designer his drawings of classi-

to fulfil the needs of his clients, and be sat for the examination of the RIBA at an age when others would have been content

to rest on their past achieve-

MR HULME CHADWICK

Sir Misha Black writes:
Mr Hulme Chadwick, who died on January 15, was born on October 12, 1910, and entered the design profession through the practical experience of the design profession in oughthe practical experience of working as an apprentice cotton-print designer in a cotton mill. His initial academic training was at night school from which he won a full-time scholarship to Manchester School of Art and later to the Royal College of Art in London. He received his ARCA from the Royal College in 1934, with a travelling scholarship which took him to France, Germany, Italy and Sweden. During the prewar days he steadily developed his skills as a designer and, when the war came, he became a Chief Camouflage Officer for the Air Ministry with particular responsibility for the concealment of radar stations. ment of radar stations.

The postwar period was that of his maturity as a designer. He designed exhibitions for Shell International Chemicals in designer his drawings of classi-cal architecture were a constant pleasure to his friends to whom he gave prints as gifts. It is typical of his professional dedi-cation that he decided in middle age that it was necessary for him to become a chartered architect if he were adequately to fulfil the needs of his clients. Moscow, Leipzig and elsewhere, and, for the Festival of Britain, he designed the "Exhibition of Exhibitions" at the Royal Society of Arts, the "Book Exhibition" at the Victoria and Albert Museum and was in-Albert Museum and was involved in the heavy engineering exhibition at Glasgow. He was active as an architect designing industrial buildings designing industrial bullings and interiors for clients as varied as the Duly Mirror, the International Wool Secretariat and British Railways.

He leaves a widow and two sons and a daughter.

SIR RICHARD MANKTELOW Sir Richard Manktelow, KBE, mediately before he became CB, who was Deputy Secretary, Deputy Secretary at the Ministry of Agriculture, try of Agriculture Fisheries and Food from 1954

Food. the age of 77. Arthur Richard
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Martyr School of Indies in 1961-62, and of the Indies in 1961-62, and of the East Caribbean Civil Service Commission in 1962-63. He was made a CB in 1948 and a KBE Economics. He entered the Civil Service as a boy clerk in 1914 and served during the First World War from 1917.

Back in the Civil Service he

in 1957. Back in the Civil Service he was successively an Assistant Edith Helen, who died in 1965, daughter of Harry Saxby. They Secretary; Under-Secretary; had three sons and one daughter the last from 1951 to 1954 im-

MR H. F. CRC Mr Henry Francis CBE, MC, who was re

as Chief Engineer of t politan Water Board, taining London's wate during the Second W died on January 11. I He was president of tution of Civil Eng 1952-53 and of the ? of Water Engineers i From Beaumont Co Windsor, he went on engineering from 191 at Brighton Municipal College, and the City s

College. In the First World years and a similar pe the Royal Engineers, ronk of lieutenant. mentioned in despatch wounded and awarded . . . tary Cross.
He joined the Me

Water Board in 1920 mained with the auti 39 years, for more that time as chief eng in 1933 Cronin was deputy chief engines board. In the absen chief through illness became acting chief in charge of the depar almost a year-at the the severe drought o: when he had addition ing plant installed at tions to enable Tham to be transferred acr don to the valley of t Lea. He reverted to tion as deputy chief in 1934 but became gineer in 1939, which he held for 20 years, made CBE in 1944 for in maintaining water to London despite th ing. In this year he a Bill in Parliament, acted, authorising thpolitan Water Board struct two large reserve a new intake from the

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pumping stations, plant, service reservoir At the termination war much of the plan Metropolitan. Water needed repair and while the demand for He is, however, probably best known for his work as an in-dustrial designer, in particular was increasing. Fee his first duty was to t and the water consu London, Cromin devi whole of bis energies object and to the rec and training of staff. during this period that responsible for the intu of turnel water mai with concrete segment through the London C retired in 1959. He is survived by h and one son.

Mr O. SOULSBY Mr O. Soulsby, GC, caster collier who was the Edward Medal (to to GC on October 1, November, 1931, for his this façade there was a serious after an explosion at the and sensitive artist. Apart from the quality of his work as a designer his drawings of class. January 4. After a explosion of fire d. November 20, 1931, in t. east district of the Soulsby and a number displayed great cour extricating the injured, ting them to safety in further explosions.

> MR DAVID GREENSLAL

Mr David Greenslat was created CBE in I Year Honours List, Sunday at the age of was joint managing dir
W. J. Linney Limite
lishers of the weekly &
Chronicle-Advertiser, o
he was also editorial d
A vice-chairman of t Council he was also president of both the paper Society and the British Newspaper Edit was closely involved establishment of the Council for the Traz

He leave a widow ar

daughters. Monsigner Karl Bay directed the Roman Relief Agency Carios nationalis for its first 2 died in Rome on Sun

Journalists.

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THE TIMES **BUSINESS NEWS**



Red faces in

Italy over

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boys rebuff

Italy's Communist Party is making itself unpopular with

the ruling Christian Democrats

by insisting that the chairmen

and other senior officials of

the country's banks be selected

For many years now the

rop bank officials has been

treated as the spoils of power,

for their professional merits.

[alf £1,250m tap elieved sold s market awaits it in MLR

t through the issue of a lay as if it might be suc-

any official disclosure on cise amount of stock apfor when it puts a new n offer; but market estisuggested that yester-applications probably in the region of £500m-

will leave a considerable t of stock in the Bank's with which to regulate irket and may well lead ause in the recent surge prices of long-dated gilts. he same time it is still expected that the Bank love to ease short-term by lowering its minimum rate from 14 to 131 per this afternoon. pring the drop to one and poins since MLR was to 15 per cent as a crisis

companied by an easing

g back, at least tem-by, the sharp fall in yields the clearing banks to consider long en dof the gilt-edge a reduction in their base lending rates. These currently stand at 14 per cent.

in interest rates in the inter-

The pressure on the Bank to allow interest rates to fall still faster, however, remains considerable, with the authorities' continuing policy of issuing government debt at what are considered to be over-attractive levels, placing a heavy strain on the limiting and of the harding the liuidity and of the banking and money market system.

Also, two leading gilt brokers have questioned the authorities' present policy this week. In its monthly Monetary
Bulletin, W. Greenwell suggested that holding up interest
rates and maximizing gilt sales were likely to restrain the growth in money supply to a degree that threatened econo-

In its Weekly Monitor,
Kemp-Gee speaks of the folly
of the current King Canute
stance and says that the attempt
to hak the slide in interest rates is likely to prove "temporary

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ares surge farther ahead

tive day. 7T 30-share Index closed r 386.9, its best level for ths and a gain of almost

potentially best levels, dealers professional investors said the demand was more ing to take encourage- widely spread than for several om long-term economic days. When the interest waned ts, the equity market after lunch, the underlying tone progress for the sixth stayed firm on the sprospect of at least a half-point cut in the

minimum lending rate today.

There was also a feeling that many would-be investors stuyed is over the six sessions. away from the equity market ugh small profit taking pending the outcome of applications for the new long "tap".

ibudsman critical of T inquiry methods

.-ry Commissioner in a

iwal Pugh, the Com-r, says that in deciding or is not a "fit and person to run a busi-re Department cannot d solely by firm eviubject to conclusive

e adds, that "if the of such power is to be, to be, free of arbi-, certain administra-rinciples must be

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Castle, a small life office, was the first company ordered to stop taking new business in April, 1974 under section 13 of the Insurance Companies

Amendment Act.
Following a DoT investigation the insurance company's
controller was declared a not a
fit and proper person by the Department, But now the Cou-missioner has instructed Mr Dell, the Secretary of State for Trade, to carry out a fresh re-view of the case.

Mr Pugh feels that the Castle investigation was "unsatisfactory in certain respects", and although the case was recon-sidered he believes that the "reconsideration was itself not Link with NEDC proposed as way to boost authority of Parliament

Lord Plowden's new industry role for MPs

By Maurice Corina Industrial Editor

Lord Plowden, former chairman of Tube Investments, yesterday proposed giving Parliament a wider role in its surveillance of Government-industry relations by linking the National Economic Development Council to a new select committee of MPs.

He suggested that the authority of Parliament was being undermined by the independent power of industry and the trade unions. Parliament was ceasing to be the effective source of

Lord Plowden declared: * In my opinion, there is a real dan-ger that if Governments con-tinue to encroach on the pri-vate sector and to lay burdens on what remains of it, in the way that has been done in recent years, we are not far from

as we have known it.

"It is also my opinion that the growth of the power of the trade unions is encroaching upon the power of Parliament. It is a commonplace of politi-cal theory that responsibility ought to lie where power lies. There must be misgivings about whether this is the case today."
Delivering the London Busi-

ness School's Stockton lecture, Lord Plowden cited as his qualifications a long experience as a senior civil servant, his posts in the City and in industry, and chairmanship of various public committees of inquiry.

The present economic and business situation was dominated, he said, by the conditioning of the electorate to believe that parliament was willing and

Parliament was willing and able to look after the mass of

people without voters having to

get their way by threatening to stop the industrial machine if they do not.

Both of these rested on the

increase in the productive power of industry, but both led to a weakening of that power itself. The goose that laid the golden eggs was being starved. There were pressures on Labour to extend direct owner-ship of industry and to regard private industry as inefficient, not seeing far enough ahead, and not investing enough. Lord Plowden said that for-

tes of profit and loss had been seriously weakened. The driving forces which separated the inef-ficient from the efficient had weakened in both the private and public sectors.

Real misgivings arose not

make the necessary effort on about organized labour seeking

the end of the mixed economy their own behalf, and by the to increase its power, but about as we have known it. conditioning of the trade union the way in which the power movement to believe they can was being used. Theirs was a negative power, resting on the solidarity of labour even when other workers might be damaged. Difficulties were often put in the way of increasing produc-

> Existing state concerns had to be run properly and profitably before considering any further nationalization.

> "As an industrialist and one convinced of the need for greater participation, I would strongly oppose legislation of the kind apparently proposed by the majority of the Bullock Committee, which I believe would seriously set back the movement for greater participation which is now gathering pace in industry."

reach agreement on saving the mixed economy required a policy of helping industry and commerce, halting more nationalization, a move to greater employee participation, design ing an improved framework for

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gross domestic product deflator. Meanwhile, an Inland Revenue consultative document on

the tax treatment of stock under CCA proposals will be published in about two months' time, Mr Stanley Chincon Davis,

Under Secretary of State for Companies, Aviation and Ship-ping, at the Department of Trade, said at the conference.

Parliament represented the community, but the force lay with organized labour. The

settling wages, a community-wide monetary policy, and a continuing dialogue between Government and both sides of industry on future develop-

Today, the nation had ready Government's right to appoint at hand the NEDC as a forum in which Government and industry could discuss and evolve to be divided among the ruling policies which had the best chance of producing wealth for the community. If political dangers were to be avoided, he suggested adding to it a responsibility to report regularly and fully on its deliberations to a Select Committee of Parliament.

parties with the Christian Democrats having the lion's share. It is a valuable way of placing former politicians, party officials and political proteges but above all ensures protégés but above all ensures party control over an important part of public life. As Signor Armando Sarti, Communist deputy, put it, their men at the head of the banks allow the party "to exercise control of the economy and also of internal policy better than any other position".

A number of posts are now up for renewal several have been vacant for years partly because of the conflict of pressures between various party factions as to who should fill them—and the interministerial credit committee is to meet on

January 26 to decide on the new appointments. Since the Communists now indirectly support the Government by abstaining in Parliament, the Christian Democrats clearly thought they were doing the right thing, politically, by suggesting that they propose their own candidates for some of the jobs. The assumption On government and legal implications of the proposed accounting system, he said that there were three main issues involved. First, whether any amendment of the Companies Acts would be necessary or desirable to permit the introduction of CCA. of the jobs. The assumption was that they would then negotiate as to what jobs went to what parties.

They were clearly taken aback, therefore when the Com-The ultimate decision here, munists replied flatly that they had no intention of presenting any candidates and demanded said Mr Davis, is likely to be determined by the EEC fourth directive on company accounts which will probably come into instead that the appointments be made on the basis of profes-

sional competence. The atmosphere immediately became icy. The Christian Democrata are refusing to consider any change of habits.

The Communists, meanwhile, have made clear that if the Christian Democrate previous provinces.

Christian Democrats persist, they will insist on debating every candidate to ensure they have the necessary competence and have not been previously involved in corruption or other shady dealings. Moreover, they have threatened to challenge the nominations in a parliamen-tary debate, recalling that only lest September the Chamber's Finance and Treasury Committee issued precise recommendations as to how bank executives were to be selected in future.

The Communists' stitude has, however, been criticized by two leading recommendations as inhowever, been criticized by two leading newspapers as ineffective. In practical terms, they argue, with Italian realism, their refusal to submit candidates means that the Christian Democrats will have most of the posts for themselves, whereas if they submitted qualified candidates they would at least be able to get good men into some posts.

Patricia Clough

Mr Benn meets EEC energy chief

Mr Wedgwood Benn, the Secretary of State for Energy (left) and new head of the European Community committee of Energy Ministers, held his first meeting with Herr Guido Brunner, the new energy commissioner, in London yesterday.

Mr Benn has spent most of this week visiting his counterparts in Europe and spreading the message that there must be more political realism in EEC thinking on energy policy.

more political realism in EEC thinking on energy policy.

He was able to tell the new commissioner that the opening exchanges with the French, Dutch, Belgian, Irish and Luxembourg ministers had gone smoothly. Today he files to Italy for further talks and will be meeting the Germans in London on Monday.



Japan Budget plans put emphasis on sharp acceleration of growth

From Peter Hazelhurst Tokyo, Jan 20

Taking a substantial step to stimulate the world's economy, the Japanese government announced today that it would present Parliament with a draft plan for a £57,000m budget the question of appeals on DoT designed to provide the country reports in Parliament. with a higher growth rate than with a higher growth rate than the United States and Western Europe during the next fiscal

> In contrast to past policies of In contrast to past posters of holding down inflation under a moderate rate of growth since the oil crisis, the draft plan will attempt substantially to increase public spending in an affor to ctimulate rapid

effort to stimulate rapid growth augin.

The draft Budget for the next fiscal year advocates an increase of 17 per cent in spending over the current budget, and was announced arter ordinary meeting of the Cabinet whittled down pro-tage cuts, and subsequently increased appropria-tions for public wroks.

parties today on the grounds that it was primarily designed to carer for the interests of big

world out of the current economic recession, the Cabinet gave approval to the final version of its draft Budget this morning, increasing spending on public works by 21.2 per cent to £8,600m as a major means of stimulating growth.

Mr Takeo Fukuda, the Prime Minister, said later today that the draft Budget plan was designed to provide Japan with an increased growth rate of 6.7 per cent in real terms during the fiscal year. "This will exceed the growth rate of the United States and major European nations. Our policy is one of contributing steadily to the stable development of the world economy in a spirit reversion solidarity through inter- years.

The draft, which is expected national cooperation. The to touch off a stormy session in Parliament, was immediately attacked by major opposition parties today on the grounds and the present budget that the present budget in the present budget responds to such expectations, in and out of the country", Mr

of the keldanter, the powerful federation of economic organ-izations, welcomed the outline of the draft plan, but Japan's five major opposition parties, which virtually control the Dlet's budgetary committee, condemned Mr Fukuda's fiscal proposals.

Under the draft plan—which provides for a 30 per cent deficit in revenue financing the Government has whittled down demands for £2,000m in tax cuts to £864m. Socialists and communists also claimed that the plan gave priority to large appropriations for public works spending, while the out-lay for social welfare had in-creased by only 17 per cent, a reversal of the pattern in reacut

Call to revise draft on inflation accounting

By Our Financial Staff A call for the Morpeth ex-posure draft on inflation accounting to be revised to allow certain financial institu-tions to make a presax profit deduction to cover alteration in the value of free capital, was made yesterday by Mr F. W. Hewitt, director and general manager of the National West-Mr Hewitt commented that

under present proposals "while profits of industrial companies will be redefined at a stroke to about half the historical convention level, those of banks will not change significantly but also, we are not immune to the effects of inflation.

Speaking to a London con-ference organized by the Insti-tute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, he sug-gested that each eligible finan-cial institution should be required a to make above the line quired "to make above the line in arriving at its prestar profit for the year a mandatory deduction of an amount necessary to compensate for any change in the real value of its free capital during the accounting period".

The change in the real value would be calculated from the volume of free capital and the volume of free capital and the accounting period.

Secondly, there is concern about the effect of CCA on contractule documents. It had been suggested, he said, that there should be some statutory provision dealing with the interpretation of contracts entered into before the introduction of CCA.

The alternative was to leave parties to renegotiate, Finally, there was the question of whether the Companies

to cater for the interests of big in and out of the country. Mr business.

Complying with Presidentelect Carter's plea for fiscal policies which would pull the of the Keidanren, the powerful policies with the policies with the

Disruption at Halewood

Fords of Halewood, Liverpool, ran into trouble twice yesterday and as a result of one disputa, 1,500 workers in the assembly plant will be laid off on today's shift. Productio: loss will be 500 cars worth about £1m.

Some 300 men in the press shop went home at midday in a dispute over the mobility of The second dispute arose in the body plant when a welder was sacked for carving initials with a welding torch on a welding beath

Mitton Butler Priest & Co

force in about 1980.

Secondly there is

In the report of Mitton Butler Priest & Co Ltd (in liquidations v Ross and Others in the Law Report on Decem-ber 22 it was stated that all 17 defendants had been declared defaulters by the Stock Ex-change. In fact, three defen-dants, the 15th, 16th and 17th, were expressly stated not to have been declared defaulters. Those three defendants were Mr A. Kemball-Price, Mr R. F. W. Patterson and Mr J. A. M. Marr. We regret the error and wish to adologize to them.

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safeguarding future volumes of supply to 1980 and beyond. The provision in the INIM contract had been waived at the Iranian company's request.

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Union Discount 10p to 350p
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mons question about the clause, said that Chrysler had kept him informed of discussions with INIM directed to improve their joint working arrangements and

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Wolf manufacturers. The contract of State for Trade, in Iran last week for the fifth session of the Iran/UK Joint Under the terms of its deal Ministerial Economic Commis-

tween the two companies and their intentions for developments. "I am satisfied that the medification proposed in the agreement between the companies does not diminish the safe-

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guards for the supply of packs and parts from this country." Mr Varley said. At the time of the Chrysler

UK rescue, the preserving of the Iranian business was considered by the Government to be of paramount importance.

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The FT index: 386.9 + 5.3

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THE POUND

In brief

BNOC shares in fresh offshore discovery

made in the Brisish sector of the North Sea close to the median line with Norwegian waters and about two miles north of the commercial Murchison field. Conoco, the operator for a

consortium that includes the British National Oil Corporation and Gulf Oil, said a well on the structure by the rig Dundee Kingsnorth had flowed 5,500 barrels of oil a day from a relatively thin pay zone ".

Further drilling will be needed to determine whether the discovery, about 130 miles north east of the Sherlands, will be commercially exploitable. However, its closeness to the Murchison field improves its prospects.

Conoco has ordered designs for a steel platform for Murchison but tenders for the structure will not be invited until later in the year.

1,200 steel jobs to go

Nearly 1,200 men employed at British Steel Corporation's big oil construction yard at Methil, Fife, will lose their jobs by May, union leaders said vesterday. The management has blamed th emeasures on a lack of orders.

Soviet oil price up

The Soviet Union, following world price trends, has raised the price of its oil sold to eastern Europe by 22.5 per cent, according to reports from Budapest. Hungary is now pay-ing 49 roubles (around S65) a tonne, a rise of nine roubles over 1976.

Call to shipbuilders Japan Shipbuilding Associa-

An oil discovery has been holding its sunual meeting tade in the British sector of with the 14-nation association of West European shipbuilders, in Tokyo, to reach an understanding on the condition of the industry in Japan and

> New attack on tax plan for working overseas The Institute of Taxation has

joined the critics of the Inland Revenue's proposed amendments for the taxation of people working abroad. The main pro-posal is that for a period of 30 continuous days anyone will be able to deduct 25 per cent of earnings before arriving at his chargeable income.

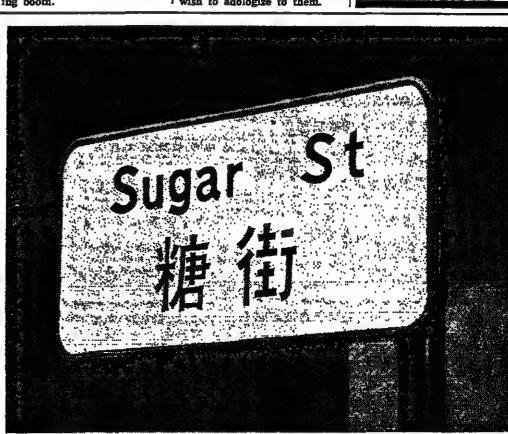
The Institute argues that people whose jobs take them away for less than 30 days deserve the same treatment to compensate for the disruption and hardship suffered.

£21m orders for BSC

A two-man team from the British Steel Corporation's Sheffield division's works have returned from North America and Mexico with orders worth \$36m (about £21m) and in the Scunthorpe division nearly 35 per cent of output in the first quarter of this year will go to meet a record export load, with orders from Europe, South America, the Middle East, the near East, and India, worth

Kedcar sit-in

More than 100 men employed by Pipework Engineering Devel-opment, a British Steel Corporation subsidiary, were sitting in at the £1,500m Redcar steel complex yesterday over a wages grievance. There are 3,400 construction workers on the



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wages, price-freeze

and raises taxes

prices and wages as part of tough measures aimed at put-ting the Jamaican economy

Office of Fair Trading proposes new laws covering VAT

New laws insisting on a clear statement of Value Added Tax payable when prices for goods or services are given, were pro-posed yesterday by Mr Gordon Borrie, Director General of Fair

The proposals, which the Con-sumer Protection Advisory Committee is being asked to approve, have been brought in by the Office of Fair Trading because of what it has found to be a widespread practice of quoting prices exclusive of VAT.
The OFT said yesterday that

there was no doubt that prices quoted without VAT mislead and confuse consumers about the actual prices they would

have to pay.

It was difficult for price com-

British brewers are to under-

take capital expenditure of about £400m by the end of the decade. While much of this will

be part of Allied Breweries 5.164m development plans announced on Tuesday, most big brewers are in the process of

increasing their capacity or re-shaping their product range.

It is estimated that by 1980 about £200m will have been spent on production facilities.

Courage is building a new

£50m brewery at Reading and spending £6.3m on a new brew-

house and canning plant at Tad-caster, Yorkshire. A £4m exten-

sion is also being constructed at Tadcaster to brew Harp lager. Scottish & Newcastle is choos-

Scottish & Newcastle is choosing a site for its new north-eastern brewery, which it is believed will have a lagering facility. It is expected that the choice will be Washington, co Durham, and that the project will cost about £40m.

Whitbread's new Magor brewery at Newport, Gweat, is due to open in 1979 at first as a lager plant.

By Clifford Webb
Leyland Cars last night
denied that it was trying to
mount an eleventh-hour rescue

of the £50m fringe benefits deal offered to 100,000 manual workers in return for fewer un-

With two more factories vot-

ing against the proposed deal

yesterday, union sources said the company's industrial rela-

tions staff were trying to arrange a further meeting with

official strikes.

By Ronald Emler

Brewers' production

plans to cost £400m

VAT-exclusive prices were quoted for goods at different

If the proposals go through it would end practices such as listing prices with the added message "plus VAT" or "all prices subject to VAT", often without the actual rate of VAT

"Once a consumer feels he is committed to buying some-thing—especially a meal in a restaurant-it may be inconvenient and embarrassing for him to change his mind or argue about the extra charge.

"The omission of VAT is fairly common in oral quotations. This may be due to forgetfulness on the part of the trader or businessman, but it could reflect an attempt to make the price more attractive. This situation can occur for parisons to be made when, as This situation can occur for sory seemed to happen in most instance when verbal quotations goods.

London; but planning permis-sion is expected soon for a new extension which will be used

extension which will be used for brewing lager.

It is intended that a new lagering facility will be on stream in 1979 at the group's Webster brewery at Halifax.

Because of the constant growth in the lager market, the Harp consortium is continually reviewed to constant avenual.

reviewing its capital expendi-ture. Facilities costing £13m are

being built
Guinness has a rolling programme of expansion in Dublin

and is planning capital expendi-ture of £15m this year. In the North-east, Vaux has scheduled

a 525m programme for the next five years. Many smaller brew-

expenditure, notably Ruddles at Oakham and Youngs at Wands-

worth.
One group which does not

foresee major outlay on in-creased production facilities is

Bass Charrington, Britain's big-

are also increasing their

rades, both VAT-inclusive and are given for repair work."

VAT-exclusive prices were The OFT has evidence of puoted for goods at different VAT-exclusive quotations happening in a wide range of retailing and services. These include carpets and household furnishings, car spares, do-ityourself materials, gardening goods, electrical and electronic goods, yacht equipment, musi-cal instruments, timber, type-

writers and wallpaper. They also include builders and plumbers, car hire, hair-dressing, hotels and restaurants, repair work, professional services including estate agents

and upholsterers. The proposals, which will go to Mr Hattersley, Scretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, for a decision on legislation, do not cover prices quoted by one trader to another. Nor would they make compul-sory a display of prices on

By David Blake

Heavy investment in the ing the third quarter of 1976, according to figures released yesterday. In the six months ending September 1976, companies recorded a financial surplus of £100m, the product of a favourable second quarter deficit of £300m. The previous six months had a surplus of

The companies sector corded increased profits up £700m to £7,300m. But this was because of a sharp increase in the value of stock. Without this there would have been no sixnificant rise in profits, in spite of an upturn in earnings from abroad because of the deprecia-

North Sea spending hits companies Watney Mann and Truman has completed much of its re-development at Mortlake, West

Economics Correspondent

financial position of industrial and commercial companies durin which they recorded a sur-plus of £400m and a less good third quarter when they had a

tion of sterling and from rent and non-trading income

Leyland says fringe benefits 'up to men' But a company spokesman said: There is little we can

do now. It is in the men's own Workers at Triumph, Canley, Coventry and Jaguar, Browns Lane, Coventry, were the latest to reject the package. Triumph, Speke, and Jaguar, Radford, have already voted against it. Two meetings, to have taken place yesterday, have been postponed so that shop stewards can issue leaflets setting out the

Mr Reg Parsons, the senior steward for the Transport and General Workers' Union, at Cowley, complained that it was unfair to expect men to vote on such a complicated set of pro-posals when the company had supplied them with only a limited number of copies. He and Mr Douglas Hobbs, his opposite number with the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, were members of the working party which spent six months negotiating the deal. But Mr Manley said the Jamaican dollar would not be devalued. The country would be seeking a loan from the International Monetary Fund, but he would not accept devaluation as a condition. and only on special humanitar-ian grounds would benefi-ciaries abroad under wills be allowed to receive their inherivaluation as a condition.

The wide-ranging economic programme also includes the nationalization of a cement rance Essential business abroad will still be allowed, but on a rigidly restricted basis. Otherwise Jamaicans will only be given a Jamaican \$30 travel allowance, which means they will have to give up tak-ing holidays abroad.

would get only one month's allowance up to a maximum of Jamaican SI,000.

Jamaicans would also no longer be allowed to send money to dependents abroad,

Increases in income tax will

affect only people in the sur-tax bracket, with surtax rising from 60 to 70 per cent for incomes between Jamaican \$20,000 and \$30,000 and to 80

per cent for incomes above Jamaican \$30,000.

All allowances in cash

been boosted recently by up-rating of pensions and social security payments in November

CONSUMER SPENDING

The following are figures for consumer expenditure seasonally

adjusted at constant 1970 prices,

released by the Central Statistical

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In brief

Five new

services

director, said yesterday

year Preightliners to British

Whitehall investigation

The Timber Trade Federation

said last night that it had been informed that a reference of timber prices to the Price Com-

mission by the Department of Prices and Consumer Protection

was not under consideration. There was no official comment

from the department.

to the falling pound."

in yards' capacity

Shipowners back cut

Cooperation and Development

The world's shipbuilding industries cannot survive or prosper by building ships that the world does not went."

TV set sales 44 pc up

of timber dropped

Freightliner

business travel allowances.

company, a large petrol price increase and hefry cuts in poli-ticians' salaries, including that of Mr Manley. Mr Manley confirmed reports that Jamaica's import bill for 1977 would be restricted to Jamaican \$600m (about £388m). He said this amount would have to include repayment of the parional In an effort to repatriate funds, Mr Manley said that legislation was being drafted to force companies and individ-uals holding bank accounts and assets abroad to liquidate repayment of the national

Spending up except on food

In a three-hour speech to Parliament, the Prime Minister said Jamaica would be seeking to trade with Comecon countries and would establish diplomaric relations with the Soviet

With immediate effect all With immediate effect all commercial banks in Jamaica will no longer be allowed to buy or sell foreign exchange on their own account, Mr Manley said. Instead they would have to act as agents for the Central Bank of Jamaica. In other moves aimed at before October 1.-Reuter.

Consumer spending rose at an annual rate of 1.2 per cent

in the fourth quarter, according to figures published by the Central Statistical Office yester-

dev. However, the rise between 1975 and 1976 is shown to have been no more than 0.6 per cent. The increase in the fourth quarter seems to have been mostly attributable to an increase in expenditure on sloohol. There was also a rise in spending on fuel and light.

in spending on fuel and light.
By contrast, there was a drop
in expenditure on food, while
other areas of spending were
unchanged
The fourth quarter rise in

consumption appears to result. at least in part, from the drop in savings that has been re-

corded recently. All the avail-

able evidence suggests that personal disposable income re-

mains under considerable pressure as phase two of the Government's pay policy continues to hold increases below the rase at which prices are

By Melvyn Westlake

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

After phase two an equitable pay formula which restores differentials

Kingston, Jan 20.—Mr stopping money leaving the Michael Manley, Prime Minister of Jamaica, last night Jamaicans would no longer be announced stringent foreign permitted any capital or inexchange controls, higher taxes and a six-month freeze on leaving the commy in journe prices and ways are transfer. From Mr F. P. Jenkin Sir, It is now generally recog-

nized that phase three of the pay policy should do something to restore differentials but there remains a need to find a particular formulation which will allow this while at the same time appearing equitable. I suggest that something along the following lines should be included as part of the phase

three agreement:-1. Norwichstanding any other provisions of the policy, unions shall be entitled to negotiate to ensure that no individual is nore than 10-15 per cent (figure to be chosen) worse off han at the start of the pay policy on August 1, 1975.

2. Notwithstanding any other provisions of the policy firms small be entitled to restore differentials between people in established posts and their direct subordinates up to a differential of 10 per cent.

3. Specific pay agreements negotiated before August 1, 1975, should be payable from August 1, 1977, in addition to the phase three sentlement. This should include payment of the Royle recommendations for the salaries of nationalized industries' executives.

kind, apart from bona fide The wage and price freeze will be in effect until July 1, but Mr Mauley said that for The formula (1) could be interpreted in more than one way, but it allows a reasonable government workers no pay rise for those people whose itcomes were most restricted under phase one and two while, er the same time, asking them to make a clearly defined sacrifice which is more than that made by the lower paid worker.

of the directors of the Cable and cause severe diff Wireless Company, which is Exempt businesses could uncontrolled with Yours faithfully.

F. P. JENKIN, 24 Parkhouse Gardens. Twickenham, TW1 2DE. January 10.

From Mr David Torvell Sir, If, as seems probable, we must assume that restraint of wages and salaries will continue be, in practice if not in theory, necessary for several years ahead, the choice of an effective and generally acceptable basis of restraint is clearly crucial. I invite comments on suggestion whose simplicity I distrust but whose flaws are not apparent to me.

The proposal is that the rate of wage and salary increases should be limited to three-fifths of the rate of increase of added value in each company or operating unit.

The period of assessment

would be limited to a maximum of five quarters, but could be reduced by agreement to any smaller whole number of quar-

The benefits of such a system would be: that for the majority of employees the basis of calculation is already impartially established for VAT purposes: that it would be seen to be simple and fair; that it would preserve differentials; and that would tend to compensate both employees and proprietors for inflation while being directly related to productivity.

There would be some additional administrative

required of businesses dealing In particular, the proposals wholly or partly in zero-rated should allow an equitable settle-goods or services, but to an ment to be made of the claim extent which seems unlikely to

overall effect.

Since public accept essential to an effective policy, the admitted or of the three-fifths pro-would be offset by plicity: rhree-fifths of of increase of added would go to the mana operatives who create t affording them both i and some degree of cont their remuneration, whi ent businesses would be additional scope for ments in working capit tal investment and di Natural manpower wa inefficient businesses y ncreased and would establish a new cost equ

If such a scheme of maintained for (say) fi it might make a signific tribution to orderly an growth of productivity the creation of condi which controls could b ated.

Policy in the non earning portion of the sector, and the adjust differentials where par has distorted them, are which need to be con On the first I have nable) suggestion to of the second I suggest a sible basis that a board could be empore record schemes in wh tivities throughout a were refixed for a p-Voure fairhfully. DAVID TORVELL. 3 Elmwood Court Birmingham B5 7PB.

'A superficial' analysis of inflation accounting proposals?

From Mr Walter Scrubbs Sir, As a cynical member of a sceptical profession, I am rarely moved to defend my fellow accountants, but Jack Clay- single point with more than ton's article on January 17 was too vituperative and unreasoned to pass without chal-

Mr Clayton castigates the accounting profession and cate-gorizes ED18 as "sophistry and tergiversation" (the latter description dating from 1570 according to my OED). While both the profession and the exposure draft leave much to be desired. Mr Clayton's article

perhaps a useful turn of acid and the elder phrase.

He scatters criticism with the accuracy of a blunderbuse and totally fails to support any superficial rhetoric; reasoned argument is nowhere.
The exposure draft and the

accounting profession must be improved, but Mr Clayton's superficial approach is that of a dilettante inflation-accounting gossip writer rather than a serious contributor to this important national debate. Yours faithfully, WALTER SCRUBBS,

42 Rosebury Road, London, SW6 2NG. Developing self-criticism

From Mr Edward Kaljayan Dear Sir, Mr Cadman's letter exchange. The reasons for the (January 11) explaining "why casualties do not normally lie exporters won't succeed in Mr Cadman's exporters won't succeed comfort, physical health points out that the disincentisks". They are more often to Freightliners are back on the expansion track with five new services planned for this year. Mr Cyril Bleasdale, managing tives of high taxation and low be found in my first paraeatnings do not compensate graph. for the "chaos, discomfort, phylical and health risks" of working in Opec countries.
One opes not have to disagree with his lack of enthusiasm for selling in these countries to believe is I do that his explanation lies nowhere near the Improving profitability at Freigntliners clearly increases the attraction of the £40m a

for survival

Helped by containerization of the South African trade, Freightliners expect a further heart of the problem.

I lived for 12 years in Ger-I lived for 12 years in Germany during which time £2,000 capital built; £2m worth of machinery exports annually from the United Kingdom. The local subsidiary held a growth rate of roughly 30 per cent each year and the principles of operation when applied to the rest of Europe led to more rapid growth, because competition against the dominiant German engineering industry was improvement in trading profit to nearly £2m this year on a steadily rising volume Investigation of prices of timber and related products appears to have been dropped

man engineering industry was not so fierce outsides the country itself. .Two reasons for the relative failure of future exporting efforts have until last Monday's Panorame programme remained undiscussed. We are dealing now with two hot pota-

10.05.

1. Let us assume the typical board of six to 10 directors averages 30 to 35 years' business experience a person, totalling say 150 to 350 man years. How many boards can muster even 5 per cent of that experience gained while resident in a foreign market? How few less have that experience in markets like Japan, ence in markets like Japan, Italy or Germany that speak a foreign tongue? There is an astonishing number of major groups where the figure is

Yet the outside world offers markets that total 20 to 25 times the size of the United Kingdom So there is a grotes-que lack of experience, let alone expertise, on how to manage an effort to expand abroad where the majority of the world's business can be found. Most of the little overseas experience found at board level comes from the Commonwealth where there was less exposure to competition behind the imperial tariffs.

the imperial tariffs.

2. The small group of British executives that does have foreign experience looks like the army after Flodden Field. Europe is littered with casualties. Most of those I know personally with over 10 years overseas residence, or who were with me on a government sponwith me on a government spon-sored Harvard Course in 1966, are now working for foreign companies, or for themselves. In the latter case though work-In the letter case though working for, or inside, the British economy, their multiplying potential, if managing, training and working through the less experienced, is lost to the country—£100,000 turnover for oneself can produce a living wage but the same person might have been managing £5m worth of a company's own exports. i.e. helping to easy

exports, i.e., helping to carn January 18.

50 times as much foreign ,

believe a country is trying to live by exporting high techno-logy "up-hill"—that is to say into countries higher in the table of wealth or GNP ner capita. Successful exporting has with exceptions till now relied on low prices derived from cheap labour, or from the export of raw materials. We cannot survive on the latter. We do not want to live off the former—to do so would be to perpetuate if not depress still further our standard of living.

As Sir Fred Catherwood recently pointed our in The Observer we must therefore development the perpetuation of the

develop products and services develop products and services that are amractive to people enjoying that higher standard. It is difficult, and dengerous in terms of profiterisk, to try to develop products for "higher up-hill" from the United Kingdom's own experience. We are more than likely ence. We are more than likely to get the specification and the product wrong—to fail. Pro-duct evolution must come from

intelligence and research in richer countries.

There is a flood of it coming back to us "down-bill" from overseas reps, agents and sales managers' visits; but it appears as constant criticism. On Panorama representatives of government and the CBI constantly referred to it as "Lnocking Britain". Yet can you develop a new product without by implication "knocking" the old one? We must develop self-criticism for our

The casualties are there because, as is normal with human: beings, United King-dom management is especially sensitive: to pressure for change from cultures of which they are ignorant. Any sense of inadequacy is reinforced; and it takes some leadership to react constructively to market research (and product criticism) from "up the hill" Little men at head office fire, make positions politically untenable or otherwise dispose of the talent working away for the talent working away for Britain's survival in precarious

Britain's survival in precarious footholds—then relax.

The diagnosis is not enough—if you accept it. I hope you. Sir, with your fellows in the press, will stimulate shareholders and needle boards of industry. May they through your efforts begin to elect into strong line-functions British Becketts whose international experience wrongly seen as "turbulent priestseen as "curbulent priest-boods" better serve the country alive than dead. Yours faithfully, EDWARD KALFAYAN,

Chairman and Managing Direc-Letterstream Ltd. 3 Shepherd Market, Mayfair, London

Computer pr coding in sho From Mr Hugh Faulkn

Sir, I note from your reached an advanced s a computer code qu speed up supermarket out procedures and abo need for price labels placed on individual products ".

It is to be hoped th not mean that the print no longer be clearly sh at present, on or adia shelves.

We are told that t tronic cash register : products as they pass the check-out could be give the shopper, by receipt, on itemized lis chases. One presumes over, that some sort o code numbers would !

able as or near the ch It is unfortunately th nowever, that ek be flustered as their put are tetted up for paym ing in advance the price article which they had up they might be in fo nasty shocks. If they fumble for spectacles a to study hurriedly a list was bound to be long & fusing, at any rate to with what some of them as the ordeal of the ch queue would be even my concerning than it is air

Any measure which in the efficiency of the drive trades is to be we But there has been a te in recent years to i ment's point of view by the shopper do more work. I wonder whether shoppers have been or about this new idea. For Aged would be deligh supply some guin-shoppers of varying age in the retired group, and be interested to see

On behalf of elderl tomers in particular, one like to be assured that the number plan in question designed to make the task of reordering simple more efficiently accoming the shopper,

Yours faithfully, HUGH FAULKNER, Honorary Director, Help the Aged, 8-10 Denman Street, Lordon WIA 2AP.

Reduced fines

Business D

From Mr P. Urban de Ro Sir. Your Business New tion reports correctly trol fines of nearly imposed by magistrate. July, have been reducted, 5000 on appeal. I w add that I was personally £18,000 and that the bala £45,000 relates to four I companies in which I have average holding of less the state of the sta Your report refers 1

Your report refers exchange control "h Fraud was not alleged by HM Treasury or the prition, nor was fraud men by the magistrates of appeals bench. The dehad a turnover of about and would, no doubt, have tried before a judge and there been an elemant fraud—that is decention. fraud—that is deception. were not so med. In reality the offence technical breaches of exchange control regul

without loss to the reserv Yours faithfully, PETER URBAN DE ROT, 25 Bedford Row, London, WC1R 4HE. January 16.



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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Pacing the fall of interest rates

John Lyle, chairman of Tate

wider earnings base

Dunford & Elliott has received

f3m issue of convertible preference stock, which could be good news for Johnson & Firth

Accepting stockholders can now get 157p in J & FB shares for their £1 outley, J & FB's shares having risen to 55p yesterday. And what little of the

sedate tempo

The tug-of-war between Tate &

Lyle's sceptics still nervous about the presumed preponder-

ance of sugar trading profits in the commodity handling, trading, storage and distri-bution division and those content to look no farther than

their nose at the group's im-pressive five years earnings record moved in the latter's

favour after yesterday's full-

True, Tate is moving at a snall's pace to allay those fears about the composition of its

assurance about the current

year, however, the shares re-couped all their initial 10p fall

year figures.

per cent acceptances for its

Dunford/J&FB

Crucial

Brown.

g to the money markets y that it did not want rates to fall too fast, a that the markets are increasingly difficult irehend. Why, it is should rates not be to fall more quickly? would it restore indusfidence, but would also # the rush of foreign f gilts which is helping up precisely those sterling balances that orities are anxious to

ast outside estimates. 77 funding requirement 🕝 demands a further sale of gilts, and the 'rap" stock policy can only be justified on ids of holding back the rates. In fact, sales of so big that even this is not being achieved, money the authorities g in with one hand is be given out with the the form of Bank of assistance to the dis-irket to ease the acute

meantime, gilts sales ing to depress money which, on some esti-is now seriously in of undershooting anysifuation is a precise of last summer when ment community was i rates were rising but Institutional shareholders of Dunford agreed to take up 43 per cent of the new issue; J & FB bought 15 per cent of the stock in nil paid form and has cleanly extensive agreement. rities refused to allow to so. Something evend to give and it was iorities who lost. A ambier would have to

noney on them losing clearly taken up its entitlement.
The remaining 28 per cent and a number of the institutions, must now be looking to the premium available on acceptance of j& FB's offer.

According to the number of the institutions, must now be looking to the premium available on acceptance of j& FB's offer. atmosphere prevailt seemed clear then pound was still vulwas not coming down to plan; was going to bove that of the comor at least mother because the balance its was going to stay

for some time. rkets, encouraged by ation of the Budget, loan, the safety net ie sterling balances arithmetic of the takeover will swing significantly in its favour. The stock rapresents 45 per cent of Dunford's fully-diluted equity and carries voting rights in that proportion whether converted or not. If it can add a large part of this issue to its tarkable new optimism e swung from depres-suphoris. But the existing stake—11 per cent acceptances from ordinary shareholders so far and 14 per cent bought in the market—

J & FB will be in sight of evidently believe undamentals have not ears can be wholly

there is the question ming incomes policy What if interest Tate & Lyle ailowed to fall fast the negotiations turn a disaster? Is it not A more that sterling could ain and interest rates
up, possibly evan
iday's levels? And
that destroy totally revival in corporate

might otherwise building up? all this, next year's requirement will still essier to sell gilts on ly declining interest than if rates came a bump now and ff as the declining flation became fully Such, it seems, is in both Whitehall Bank of England. Eank of England. profits Nevertheless, after last policy that rates year's dull conditions in the lonly gradually for sugar market (which meant at and then faster in only a marginal rise. half when hopefully, over to £1,344m) the Louisian half when hopefully, over to £1,344m) the Louisian was policy issue will in pre-tax profit to £52½m was respectable enough even if it respectable enough even if it

ch a policy is actually wilder outside estimates.

I the face of markets Coupled with the group's ree universally deteroush rates lower now. unsettling is the couped all their initial 10p the market that the to close unchanged at 270p. the market that the still think it is is if yower to control couple of blurred areas in the current year. One is whether the commodity handling side usly. The fear is that horities persist with they may eventually ve way on all three.

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Even so, there are still a to couple of blurred areas in the current year. One is whether the commodity handling side well: earnings would be 30 per cent lower.

Final: 1975-76 (1974-75)

Lapitalization £89m

Sales £233m (£189m)

Pre-tax profits £26m (£19m)

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Lanings per share 22.9p (15.8p)

Dividend gross 5.44p (4.95p)

roved on the previous year's loss and there was some bonus from coffee trading-it looks as though sugar trading moved ahead to offset lower profits centage contribution from com

modity handling unchanged. The other issue is what atti-tude the market will take to Tate's decision not to provide for deferred tax any more, which has cut the tax charge to only 32 per cent, since on a normal tax charge the historic p/e ratio of 4! would rise a couple of points.

Meanwhile, there are no sur-prises in the profits breakdown. The contribution from raw sugar production was sharply lower at £900,000 due to the Belize drought and nationaliza-tion of its sugar interests in the West Indies which has also meant a £6.2m below the line extraordinary item,

Shipping, too, has picked it-self up off the floor, helped by the deal with P & O. though at £1.9m its contribution is a long way short of the £13.3m erned in the palmy days of two vears ago.

Current year profits will be bonsted by a marden contribu-tion from Manbré & Garton, worth around £6m net of financing charges but assuming nothing untoward on sugar tradng this year's profits are unlikely to move much above the £65m level. Even so a 61 per cent yield provides a reasonable base for the shares in the present market.

Final: 1975-76 (1974-75) Capitalization E147m Sales E1,344m (E1,274m) Pre-tax profits £52.5m (£47.5m)

Earnings per share 59.9p (60.6p) Dividend gross 18.2p (16.5p)

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Margins under pressure

Gestemer's 34 per cent profits improvement matched most expectations. But that is partly due to a write-back above the of £1.65m from an overinflated bad debt reserve.

Discounting this and the

new stock has found its way into the merket (selling at 116p last vight) offers a rapid 35 per cent gain if J & FB's bid is successful. absence of non-recurring losses which amounted to £531,000 If J & FB can pick up most of the convertible issue the last time, profits growth is pretty much in line with the 23 per cent improvement recorded at the sales level.
All of which left Gestemer's growth tag looking slightly ragged yesterday and the shares fell against the trend by 10p to 259p. With trading margins coming under severe pressure mainly as a result of price controls in many countries, and the prospects of stable sterling eliminating foreign exchange benefits, the group would seem match this performance next

> At the same time there is a view that Gesteiner's strong hold on the cheaper end of the office equipment market may be more difficult to maintain, particularly in overseas markets which account for some four-

> fifths of total business. In the United States, parstreet, the arrival of Xerox's 9200 duplicator at the sophisticated end of the range is expected to result in other upmarket groups like A. B. Dick and Addressograph striving to retrieve ground previously sur-rendered to Gestemer at the

lower end. Meanwhile, Gestemer's cash balances have improved £13m to £34m, but borrowings have also risen by £9m to a similar figure and stocks and debtors have risen £8m and £18m respectively.

Now selling on a p/e ratio of just under seven the shares are more in line with the market average, but precious little support is provided by a yield of only 3.4 per cent. Despite the group's management record and marketing reputation the rating could be under pressure, although under CCA it fares reasonably well; earnings would be 30 per cent lower.

Michael Grylls

Time for the NEB to come into the open

Today, for the first time, the One good shareholding Lord House of Commons is to have Ryder had willed on him was the opportunity to debate the National Enterprise Board. Not, be it noted, in government time, but on a Friday when most of us are in our constituencies.

Last week Maurice Corina wrote in Business News about the Prime Minister taking on overall charge of industrial strategy. The NEB under its chairman, Lord Ryder, is one leg of this strategy. (Another is the National Economic Development Office's useful Sec-

tor Working Parties.) Lord Ryder's expanding "empire" has been peculiarly favoured by the Cabinet. Schools, hospitals and the Schools, hospitals and the armed forces all fell before the Chancellor's pre-Christmas axe, whereas the NEB was given an extra £100m of taxpayers money to spend. Why?
The National Enterprise
Board, born while Mr Wedgwood Benn was Secretary of

State for Industry, is popular with the left wing of the Parliamentary Labour Party, so perhaps the £100m was a son to them. No explanation was given to Parliament so we can but guess.

But guesswork is the unwel-come tool of any student of the NEB and for parliamen-tarians it is hard to get answers. I have been a persistent questioner about the board but, more often than not, ministers refuse answer.

retrenchment, Lord Ryder's National Enterprise Board is one of the few big spenders left. In 12 months it has spent £500m in acquiring sheres, either by transfer from the Department of Industry or by buying into companies in

the private sector.

So far, Leyland has "cost" the NEB £246.5m plus £100m worth of loans. Today, the NEB's holding in Leyland has a market value of only £64m. A 2.59 per cent stake in Dunford and Elliot coat the IRC in 1968 nearly £1m. A few mouths ago this was transferred to the NEB for only E122,111—a loss to the Government of nearly £800,000.

There was a similar loss of nearly £4.25m from the Government's stake in Brown Boveri Kent and Cambridge Instruments.

ranci, costing the NEB 18.6m. There should be a good the NEB profit there and I believe Lord Ryder should soon consider selling it and so lessen the

Section 2 (4) of the Industry Act, 1975, gives the National Enterprise Board power to dispose of shares.

NEB's demand for taxpayers'

Some industrialists will have been surprised to see "go-getting" Mr Clive Sinclair of Sinclair Radionics fetch up Grosvenor Gardens. recent achievement in developing a mini television set has been much publicized.)

Sinclair has already had a grant from the National Research Development Corporation. He then sold the NEB 43 per cent of his company.

Was there no City institution willing to back him? Is a mini-television so speculative? None of us knows the answer. But, if we taxpayers are to

Anglo-Venezuelan Railway

Cambridge Instrument Co

Data Recording Instrument

Brown Boyeri Kent Ltd

Corporation

British Leyland Ltd

Dunford & Elligtt Ltd

International Computers

Rolle Royce (1971) Ltd

Sinclair Radionics Ltd

Twinlock Ltd

Reed & Smith Holdings Ltd

Source: Department of Industry

(Holdings) Ltd

Ferranti Ltd

One good shareholding Lord have Lord Ryder making decimber the House was rising for For example, they allow Lord Ryder had willed on him was sions on our behalf with our Christmas) the Secretary of Ryder and his team to spend the 50 per cent stake in Fermoney, MPs must surely be State slipped the final definiup to f10m on any project, given the facts and figures.

One of Parliament's complaints is that the public are involuntary and disenfran-chised shareholders in the NEB. Mr Edward du Cann's Accounts Committee
y called for proper recently accountability from it.

In a recent debate in Parliament, Mr du Cann and I both pressed for effective ways for members to monitor the In fact, I believe the Government's treatment of Parliament over the board has been scan-

The Industry Act 1975 put a duty on the Secretary of State to publish Guidelines for the NEB. Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, did produced draft Guidelines in March, 1976, but no opportunity was given to MPs to debate this draft. Apparently we are not to be encouraged to

Then, surprise, surprise, on December 23 last year (just as

NEB SHAREHOLDINGS

£1 ordinary

£1 ordinary

25p ordinary

50p ordinary

£1 ordinary

250 ordinary

£1 ordinary

50p ordinary

£1 ordinary

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50p ordinary voting

50p ordinary non-

10p ordinary voting

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1p ordinary non-

£1 redeemable

held by NEB

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7.658,938

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50,000,000

246,490,683

2,400,000

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2,666,668

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Guidelines into the library of the House. The first I saw of them was a report in

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The Times on December 24. What a way to run a govern-ment body with over £1,000m to spend!

Draft Guidelines of ment's March. 1976, was required to ensure. of employees in decision making at all levels". This, in turn, was a watering down of Mr Wedgwood Benn's earlier directive that "there should be workers' democracy at all

Now the official Guidelines tell the NEB that "it shall make appropriate arrange-ments with their subsidiaries to ensure that management is playing its part in furthering government policies in this field. A more sensible and realistic directive and, happily, a far cry from Mr Benn's ear-lier strident demand.

The Guidelines are not just unimportant do's and don'ts.

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£122,111

nominal value of fictal equity

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100%

29.6%

33.3%

100%

Stock Exchange closing price

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26p

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without any reference to the minister, or up to £25m simply by telling the minister that they are going to. So, even if the Public

Accounts Committee does get to grips with the NEB, it will be after the event—probably long after.

Last September the board its six-monthly report. The figures were not encouraging.

Excess of expenditure over income was £894,000; of the £536,000 administrative and £414,000 were attributable to the organizing committee?, prior the formation of the board-an expensive holding what purpose, except to insert one more bureaucratic layer berween state-owned companie such as Leyland, Ferranti and Rolls-Royce, and the Govern-

The interim reports mention that "the NEB had agreed to make loans of £5.6m to a of companies. To

Neither Lord Ryder nor the minister seems keen to tell us. A company in the private sector would, quite rightly, be crit-

icized for such secrecy As I said in the House on December 9, "In Sweden, for example, the Statsforetag (the Swedish NEB) publishes in detailed terms its resources, results, yield and total capital employed. Details have actually been published by The Econobeen published by The Econo-mist in this country, so it is evident they do not mind tell-ing people what is going on."

Compare that to the NEB. Today, what do we knowyear after it was born-about on capital amployed? Apparently nothing. Lord Ryder would do well to

remember that he now has more shareholders than when he was chairman of the Reed Group. All 20 million taxpayers are involuntary shareholders and MPs should be take to accompany the control of the cont able to act as guardians of the shareholders' interests.

The author is MP for North West Surrey and vice-chairman the Conservative Industry

Computers: the problems of security still to be resolved

Computer security and computer privacy have become rather mixed up over the past year, as the proposed privacy legislation has been debated to the sound ground.

But last week's theft of tapes from an ICI computer centre in The Netherlands has served as a reminder that security per se is important, whatever degree of privacy is attached to the information being held or processed. In one sense security is the reverse side of the privacy coin: when privacy considerations have determined what information should be kept secret, and

from whom, security considera-tions will decide how that privacy can be attained. But, in addition, such is the dependence on computer systems of almost every organization in the country that, even if there were no need to keep

the processed data secret from anyone, there would still be a need to try to ensure that the data and the equipment are not stolen, broken, burnt, blown up or otherwise interfered with.

Computer-using organizations are faced with four factors which may cause them to rethink their security proce-

dures, the National Computing Centre points out. The computer can give easier, faster access to large, centralized files; it enables files at one place to be interrogated from another; it introduces some unique security problems, but it also can pro-vide more extensive safeguards.

of computing. Overall, compared with a manual system, a well-designed and well-implemented computer system should be "safer" in

that the probability of loss is library. Passes or badges for control — monitoring exactly sensitive data; and security less. But the loss, if it does staff, identification checks for what is taking place and ensur-should be tightened for week-occur, may be large.

The probability of loss is library. Passes or badges for control — monitoring exactly sensitive data; and security less, and less or what is taking place and ensur-should be tightened for week-visitors, and key or magneticing that only the right people and and night working. Disruptions to computer systems can be accidental or room are the norm.

deliberate, and surveys in both Britain and the United States on magnetic tape are dupli-

have indicated that accidental

Programming errors, machine breakdowns and power and airconditioning problems are at the top of the list in one NCC survey. At the other end, very few cases of fire flood, malicious damage, theft, fraud or unauthorized use were reported. In a 1975 analysis by Stanford Research Institute in the United States, 362 cases of the abuse of computer systems were examined. It showed particular vulnerability in the manual handling of computer input and output in the manual courses in the same and output in the same and same a output; in physical access to the computer installation; weak

causes predominate.

nesses in computer and terminal operation; and "failure of business ethics".

At the bottom of the SRI list were the failure to prevent or detect the impersonation of a time-sharing user (with remote access to the computer); and weak control in the magnetic

tape library. risk management or a security engineering for computer systems some of the precautions are general ones, while others are tailored to the complexities

Most organizations take such basic precautions as putting the computer centre where it is least vulnerable providing standby power supplies and carefully controlling access to

on magnetic- tape are dupli-cated or triplicated (this triple arrangement is known quaintly

Kenneth Owen Technology Correspondent

as the grandfather/father/son system) and copies are kept in different places. Sometimes the security storage companies' data warehouses are used.

Security problems have grown as computing has be-come "tele-processing", as the traditional centralized batch-processing method has been supplemented by time-sharing and distributed processing net-works. It is all very well to have a hefty security guard standing at the entrance to the computer room, but now some one sitting at a terminal 50 yards (or 50 miles) away can get past the guard and into the computer room via a telephone

Again one can do basic things like locking the terminal, so that a key and a typed-in password are needed to gain a to the system. But also there the computer room, the data are hardware and software

have access to particular files and programmes. Most multi-access computer

systems will have been designed with security aspects in mind, so that, for example, unauthorized access is not possible and, if attempted, is recorded. But, as the computer will

only do exactly what it is told to do, it is possible for an authorized but unfriendly in-sider to write or change a programme to suit his or her own ends. Hence the importance, in computing as in any other critical area of an organization's work, of staff selection and Certainly some companies

take the preliminary "vetting" of computer staff very seriously indeed. Some of the more spectacular computer frauds are now well known; there are doubtless many other cases which have not been allowed to become known outside the company concerned.

After last week's ICI tape theft Mr Ray Ellison, of the National Computing Centre, drew four broad lessons for managers: computerized information is easier to steal because it is held in concentrated form; authorization for sensitive areas should be withdrawn if an employee is under notice to computer

handling the confidential data for hundreds of clients, good security is clearly a basic requirement. Under new security procedures introduced month by Comshare, a London bureau, no printout or mag-neric media will be handed over without proof of identity; and storage facilities for magnetic tape include a fire-proof safe at the computer centre, a locked store outside the centre, safe deposit boxes at a local bank and, for long periods, bomb-proof storage by the Datakeep

Mr Joe Kenny, chairman of the privacy committee of the British Computer Society, be-lieves that the ICI case has Illustrated the importance of computer techniques in society generally and in large com-panies in particular.

The security problem is a two-fold one, he points out-first to try to guard against a loss or other security failure and, secondly, to have some plan which enables the organization to recover if the first-level security breaks down.

Mr Kenny believes that the real value of data is not gen-erally appreciated. Apart from the actual content of the com-

Business Diary: Wings over CEI . Hand across the sea

uster down is insisteeling into the spot-Cinderella of indusnstitutions (CEI). les, who retired as an l last year, has joined e (1971) and is a non-

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director of Hunting



everybody from the demands grew for the Govern- side the trade union movement. ment to set up a public inquiry into the profession.

The word in Whitehall yesteregy, engineering, it day was that Jim Callaghan has quite a year for Sir been discussing a possible iningle, who yesterday quiry with Eric Varley, the Secday was that Jim Callaghan has Tony Dummett as retary of State for Industry, of the Council of Enwho has been keeping an eye on the situation since the latter months of the Wilson administration.

Varley, in turn, is talking over education, science and employ-ment aspects with his respective opposite numbers, Shirley Williams and Albert Booth, and may decide on some form of public inquiry by the end of this month.

Varley is reported to be largely in favour, but there are

change.

An inter-departmental study is already going on into industrial management, particularly in engineering, and the British Association for the Advance.

The peer is also chairman of ment of Science is due to complete by July an investigation for the Government into the profession in relation to manu-

profession in relation to manufacturing performance.

Among the voices raised for an inquiry is that of John Lyons, general secretary of the Electrical Power Engineers relations at the British Embassy less than many business people would spend. A big test of the peer's pending at the conventioner spent four these latter capacities that he was on hand at the receptions, one for chief executives of American professional associations at the British Embassy less than many business people would spend. A big test of the peer's pending amount deductible is restricted to S52 a day, less than many business people would spend. A big test of the peer's pending amount deductible is restricted to S52 a day, less than many business people would spend. A big test of the peer's pending amount deductible is restricted to S52 a day, less than many business people would spend. A big test of the peer's pending amount deductible is restricted to S52 a day, less than many business people would spend. A big test of the peer's pending amount deductible is restricted to S52 a day, less than many business people would spend. A big test of the peer's pending amount deductible is restricted to S52 a day, less than many business people would spend. A big test of the peer's pending amount deductible is restricted to S52 a day, less than many business people would spend. A big test of the peer's pending amount deductible is restricted to S52 a day, less than many business people would spend. A big test of the peer's pending amount deductible is restricted to S52 a day, less than many business people would spend. A big test of the peer's pending amount deductible is restricted to S52 a day, less than many business people would spend. A big test of the per's pending amount deductible is restricted to S52 a day, less than many business people would spend. A big test of the per's pending amount deductible is restricted to S52 a day, less than many business people would spend.

He does not believe that an inquiry would necessarily delay changes suggested by the present investigations and his view is that only the muscle of a committee will be enough to persuade the traditionalists to

shift their ground.
Sir Charles is expected to follow previous CEI thinking, questioning the value of an in-quiry but not directly opposing one. His vice-chairman is Sir John Atwell, former chairman of the Weir Group's engineering

Autograph Lord Ponsonby, chairman of the Greater London Council, could

be in for a bad bout of writer's some anxieties among his advisers that an inquiry, which appearance at receptions in might take up to two years to complete, would only delay past week. It isn't that he will be writ-

> The peer is also chairman of the London Tourist Board and a member of the executive of an associate body, the London year. Claimants must show that

thousand members of the 6,000 members of a women's United States Association of Trial Lawyers, who have been holding their annual convention in London.

Lord Ponsonby offered at the gatherings personally to en-dorse any certificate of attendance that would help the Ameri-



Lord Ponsonby.

can convention visitor in London to set his or her expenses gainst income tax.
Since January 1 legislation limits the number of tax deductible overseas conventions that

barbershop quartet singing asso-ciation, the Sweet Adelines, take over the Albert Hall. the smaller company which has hitherto had little option other than to go for an insured

Ann Gooch, president of the Adelines, was at the British Embassy reception when Lord Ponsonby first made his offer, and even if they don't all rush to get the autograph of a real live British lord, another 6,000 assorted American convention visitors are expected during

executive Geoffrey Smith were in conference, wondering whether to go the whole hog and produce a standard endorsement on a fancy scroll.

Unions, too When Ken Edis went to Carlton

Industries four years ago to reorganize and rationalize the holding company's many pension schemes into Carlton Industries group pensions fund, he little realized that his creation would become his future backer.

United Pension Services, launched yesterday, is a new idea and represents the Carlton pension fund's investment in the pensions industry. Rather than lose Edis once his stint was fixeshed, it was decided to capitalize upon both his experi-

It is very much designed for rather than self-administered

Ansbacherr Investment Management, which would not mind a slice of the action if the chance occurred, will, provide investment management

Before he went to Carlton, Edis was the pension scheme controller with Allied Breweries When last heard of, the peer pension fund. He does not and convention bureau chief intend to limit his pension hotgospelling to managers only. but is very keen on acquiring advice in their negotiations.

Technical consultant to the new company is Terry Arthur, An ex-Welsh rugby inter-national, he is the author of an irreverent book on politics called 95 per cent is crap, as well as being an independent consulting actuary.

Iargon denartment: Riscat. a new international organization set up by scientific research bodies in six European countries, is looking for computer personnel. The official language of the organization is English and its purpose is to "study the auroral ionosphere by means of capitalize upon both his experience and the low overheads by mique". Presumably if you
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HOLLIS BROS. & E.S.A. LIMITED, INTERIM STATEMENT—FOR THE HALF-YEAR

30th SEPTEMBER 1976 (Unaudited)

6 months to 6 months to 30.9.76 30.9.75 £'000 15,724 Trading Profit 1,100 413 Group Profit Before Tax Less Estimated Corporation Tax 357 Group Profit After Tax 330 Less Preference Dividend paid) -.

328 530 The increase in turnover and profit reflects greater activity in the timber divisions of the Group. Stocks are balanced to current and forsecable trading requirements. The present financial situation of the country has led to reduced expenditure in the educational field and adequate measures have been taken to meet the changed conditions which the Chancellor's policy imposed. Our export potential continues to develop and this with the continuing policy of diversification leads your Directors to believe that the full year's trading

will compare favourably with 1975/1976. The Directors have declared an Interim Dividend of 4.225% net on each 25p Ordinary Share equivalent with deemed. Advance Corporation Tax to 6.5% (5.9%) gross. You will observe the Interim is increased and it is anticipated that the maximum dividend permitted will be recommended as

Payment will absorb £93,057 (net) and will be made on 28th February, 1977, to shareholders whose names are on the Register at the close of business on 4th February, 1977. By Order of the Board

I. S. DOWZALL

Group Secretary.

Courtaulds offshoot in Japan ship paint deal

Technical and commercial agreement for the joint worldwide supply of marine paint has been reached after three years of negotiations by International aint, a Courtaulds sub-sidiary, and Nippon Paint in

The agreement, effective from May 1, involves joining Nip-pon's marine operations in Japan with International's operations throughout the world, as well as the integra-tion of the companies' marine

paint technology.

The deal, initiated by International, reflects Japan's posi-tion as the world's dominant shipbuilder and as a major dry docking location. The country's paint industry has however, limited international service A major objective will be to develop a fully integrated range of products. International said that Japanese shipowners could expect particular benefits as their vessels increasingly traded

and drydocked outside Japan. International is the largest marine paint supplier in the world, with sales in the year to March, 1976, of £166m, of which a third was marine paint. Nippon's sales last year totalled £122m.

Business appointments

Deputy chairman for Legal & General

interest relief grants.

dustry magazine.

it adds that the projects will

than £400m for Britain's con-

struction industry and plant

and equipment manufacturers.

Half of these orders have

When the scheme closed, 350

applications had been received

and the Department of Industry

forward investment totalling

£640m. Three loans totalling

£6m were granted and the re-

mainder was in the form of

It is estimated that when the

already been placed.

deputy chairman of Legal and General Assurance. He is chair-man of Delts Metal and a director of Lloyds Bank and Con-solidated Gold Fields.

Mr J. F. K. Hinde, head of legal division, London and Mr K. A. V. Mackrell, group planning co-ordinator, have been made directors of Shell International

Mr Harold Keating becomes chairman of the British Gas Corporation's West Midlands region from April 1. He succeeds Mr David Beavis, who is retiring. Mr T. G. Main has been made a director of Barciays Gank (Lon-

don and International). He remains the Registrar of Barclays Bank Limited. Mr C. R. McCay, chairman and managing director of Ogden's has joined the board of Imperial

Mr John McQueston has joined the board of Transleet Services. The following changes have been announced by House of Fraser: Mr K. T. Marley, who is Fraser: Mr K. T. Marley, who is retiring from executive office in the group and as a director of Chiesmans, becomes non-executive chairman of Binns and of Houses of Fraser (Northern Management), of which board he is appointed a director. Mr Winston Brimscombe, who has retired as an executive with the Dingle Group, and resigned from the board of E. Dingle, becomes non-executive chairman of Army & Navy Stores, Chiesmans and Howard & Tregunna. Mr A. P. Humphries is appointed non-



Mr H. T. Holland (left), Eston's new financial director, Europe and Lord Caldecote, who has been made deputy chairman of Legal and General

executive chairman of E. Dingle. All these appointments are from February 1.

Sir Keith Skinner has been appointed chairman of Industrial and Trade Fairs Holdings in succession to Lord Drogheda, who remains on the board. Mr A. V. Hara, chief executive of Financial Times. Limited hecomes, danury Times Limited, becomes deputy

Chairman.

Mr Henry T. Holland has become financial director, Europe, for Baton Corporation, succeeding Mr John M. Carmont who is transferring to Eaton's head-quarters in Claveland, Ohio. Mr H. K. Culham has been made accounting director, Europe.

Mr C, J. Pittard, managing director of the Pittard Group, is to become chairman in succession to Mr D, W. Pittard, who has

balance of payments

Aided projects to save

£500m annually on

Projects granted assistance More than a third of the prounder the Government's 13jects are in sectors like diesel month accelerated scheme will engines, electric motors, pistons and bearings, identified as potential bottlenecks by the inlead to an annual saving on the balance of payments of about dustrial strategy sector working parties. More than half the £500m by 1980, according to today's issue of Trade and Inproject costs are in the petro-leum and chemicals industries, with the vehicles and compo-Reviewing the impact of the nent sectors accounting for £67m. scheme, which ended last July,

Giving examples of companies generate orders worth more taking advantage of the scheme, now replaced by the new £100m selective investment scheme Trade and Industry names Pet-bow which is to use a £75,000 interest relief grant to build an 84,000 sq ft factory in Kent for the assembly, test and despatch of large and jumbo range generating sets which could lead to additional exports worth had made offers worth £84m on at least £15m a year.

120 projects which will bring Others are BTP Tioxide, which has received a £2,25m relief grant to double the capacity of its titanium pigments plant at Hartlepool, and Josiah Wedgwood which is undertaking major developments at projects come on stream they Stoke on Trent creating 1,000 will create 12,800 new jobs, the new jobs by 1979-80.

> aging director, but remains group financial director. Mr A. S. W. Boxhall joins the board of Staffex International.
> Mr R. D. Guthrie has been appointed a director of Epicure

oldings. Mr Anthony Armitage has been Mr Anthony Armitage has been made deputy managing director of Powell Duffryn Engineering.
Following the departure of Mr John Perry, who is joining the board of the corporation in America, Mr R. Thompson has succeeded him as managing director of Diversey Limited. Mr William Amos and Mr Eric Steels become directors of Diversey (Ireland).

Dr Martin Jones has been made director of Neve Electronic Holdings: Mr J. R. Domcon has become

chairman of the plastic division or Mardon Packaging, International, following the retirement of Mr W. A. Laurie.

Mr M. A. S. G. Stewart and Mr C. G. S... Wilson liave bean appointed to the board of Strongappointed to the board of Strong-work Diving (International).

Mr. R. L. Pullen, managing director of KDG Instruments, has take over as president of Scientific Instrument Manufacturers' Association of Great Britain, succeeding Mrs Mary Griffin, of Smith's Industries.

dustries. Mr Carl F. Reinhardt has been made vice-president (regional) at Bank of America's Europe, Middle East and Africa division head-quarters in London. Mr G. Malcolm Murray has become a director of Edinburgh and Dandee Investment. Patents news

Books that can talk to the reader

In recent British Patent BP1 450 275, an American firm, Education Ergineering Associates, describes an educational aid that looks like a book but also talks to the reader.

Each page of the book carries drawings or photographs with descriptive words. For instance, in a basic primer, a picture of a dog is accompanied by the word "dog".

But, additionally, there is imprinted over the picture a plastic impression of a spiral groove, In this way one or more miniature gramophone records are formed as integral parts of the page.

The reader has a hand-held gadget which incorporates a miniature motor and rotatable wheel, rather like a small gramophone turntable.

This "turnable" carries a tiny gramophone pickup which rotates with it and can track the stationary spiral groove of the records on the book page. The pickup is connected to a small amplifier and loud-speaker, all of which are under the control of a small finger switch in the hand-held gadget. A pupil simply looks at the picture, reads the word, and presses the hand-held gadget

down over the relevant spiral groove on the page. He then hears an audible message, for instance, correct pronunciation of the written word, in one or more languages A particularly interesting sug-

gestion is that the written infor-mation can be in Braille, to aid the teaching of blind students. For January 1, printed copies of British Patents rose to 95p regardless of length. The flur-rate pricing policy, which was last examined in 1969, means that even half-page patents (such as recent BP 1 451 828 for a novel form of car tyre pump) costs the same to buy as a highly technical treatise (such as IBM patent number 1 108 800, which stretches to

four mammoth volumes). .It follows that the general public, which is more likely to be interested in a foot pump than a computer, is inevitably subsidizing the dissemination of printed patent literature to industry which has greater need of the specialized tomes.

So far the British Library has refused to make photo-copies of the printed British patents on their shelves at page rate, but is currently reconsidering this policy in the light of the recent increases in Patent Office charges.

FINANCIAL NEWS

Hillards runs twice as fast

Supporters of Hillards, the Cleckheaton supermarkets group, must hope that chairman Mr Gordon Hunter and his colleagues will not make earn-ing money sound too easy. In the 28 weeks to November 13 pre-tax profits were a cool £1,011,874. In the year to May 1, last, they were £1,066,398; and in the 28 weeks to November 8, 1975, they were only £501,571.

The gains in turnover are the gains in turnover are striking, but less so than in profits. In the latest 28 weeks Hillards made sales of £34.4m against £26.7m a year earlier. In the year to May 1 turnover was £54.98m.

The group's success, apart from winning business, has been in widening margins. In terms of sales pre-tax profits rose from less than 2 per cent of them a year ago to 3.1 per cent. One reason was Hillards' entry into lines outside foods where margins can be twice as good. Non food sales are now

a tenth of the total. Another was the takeover of four old Brierley supermarkets from the Official Receiver. These have been integrated to

some purpose. Serenely, the cuaring Serenely, the anticipated inreports: "the anticipated in-creases in turnover and profits have been achieved. Since the end of the half year, sales have continued to be buoyant." This is thought to mean that both sales and profits are still rising

fast. So even though the interim dividend is 10 net or 1.540 gross again, the shares hardened yesterday.

W of England keeps some Linfood

Gateway Securities has been told that part of the 29.5 per cent stake bought by Linfood Holdings as a springboard for its agreed 27.5m bid, came from West of England Trust and its subsidiaries.

West of England sold 2,000 reference shares, 132,000 preference shares, 132,00 ordinary shares and 1.65m A ordinary. It is still interested in 144,090 ordinary shares, so it now has 15.7 per cent of the voting rights in Gateway.

TACE rebounds but dividend passed

Having omitted an interim dividend. Tace, the former Transport & Chemical Transport Chemical Engineering, now passes the final dividend too Last time Tace paid a total of 1.22p gross. However it has recovered from an interim setback, when profits fell from £165,000 to £95,000. It finished the year to September 30 with pre-tax profits slightly ahead at £362,000 compared with £337,000. Turnover climbed from £9.15m to £10.4m. But tax

so ner profits fell from £155,000 to £153,000. Earnings a share were 2.4p against 2.7p. The rebound in the second half is expected to continue in the current year, the board says. Payment of a dividend will be reviewed at half-tune on March 31. This will depend on results and any progress in the counter-claim against the

vendors of the Dutch companies. Lloyd's brokers bought by Lep

Lep Group has broadened its insurance activities with the acquisition of S. H. Cannon. Cannon is an incorporated insurance broker at Lloyd's. The amount involved in the deal is not disclosed. The new relationship with Lloyd's through Camon is seen by Lep, with its world-wide interests in international freight forwarding and allied services, as a natural extension of its present connexion with Lloyd's in the safe movement of cargo and transportation.

It will also provide the group's existing insurance brokers, Lep Insurance brokers, Lep Insurance Brokers, with access to Lloyd's Cannon will continue to operate
as a separate company within
the group. Mr Brian Leeper,
chairman of Lep Insurance
Brokers, joins the Cannon
board as chairman. Mr Michael Marsom, managing director of LIB, joins Mr Gordon Averst, the present managing director, as joint managing director.

Bullough takes off to top first-time £2m

Accelerating in the secondhalf, engineering group Bullough topped 52m for the first time in the year to end-October. Some 35 per cent, up to £832,000 after six months, the full year saw a 75 per cent jump to a record \$2.13m pre-tax. Turnover in the year rose from \$13.9m to \$22.11m. Fran-ings share come out at 17.2p compared with 11.8p. its total payment is raised from 7.01p

payment is raised from 7.01p gross to 7.71p.
Capital goending was over \$1m in 1975.76 and a similar rate is likely in the present term. Short-term borrowings at year-end were low, the board says, and adequate borrowing facilities are available for the current year. Though not looking to as big a rush as last ing to as big a push as last year, profits should again show strong growth.

A. & J. Gelfer ahead Inching ahead is better than

not moving at all. On a turn-over slightly up from £1.37m to £1.38m, the pre-tax profits of A. & J. Gelfer advanced from £250,000 to £254,000 in the half year to September 30. But earnings a share of this Adrian Hope rose from £182,000 to £209,000, maker of ties, men's headwear better than expected.

and scarves eased from 2,38p to 1,95p. The dividend rises from 0,53p adjusted for a scrip issue to 1,72p gross.

Over the whole of last year profits rose from £605,000 to a record £622,000.

Currency gains help A. J. Mills

Despite a rise in turnover from £51m to £53.9m, the pre-tax profits of A. J. Mills (Holdings) the food importer and distributor fell 13 per cent to £679,000 in the year to October

But after adding £87,000 of credits from currency transla-tions, compared with a debit of £150,500 from the disposal of quoted investments, a ware-house and the writing-off of goodwill profits after tax, and extraordinary items went up from £179,000 to £402,500. Earnings a share without the items slipped from 9.4p to 9p though the dividend rises from 3.8p gross to 4.2p.

Late rally at White Child & Beney .

Record sales of £12.2m against £9.97m, have brought an 8 per cent advance in pre-tax profits at White Child & Beney to £1m for the vear to September 26. This reflects a good recovery in the second half by this plastics and container group. Earnings a share are 8.44p against 6.41p. The dividend goes up from 4.1p to 4.5p gross.

Denbyware poorly

Poor figures from Denbyware were looming after the chair man's September warning and in the six months to September 30 sales rose by only 7 per cent to £4.58m while pre-tax profits fell from £820,000 to £406,000. Nor will the full year be as good as 1975-76. But the worst is over, and the interim dividend stays at 3.25p a share

Starting up an export drive and the slide in the pound against the dollar hurting imorts of United States furniture were largely to blame.

Hallite moves well Maker f synthetic rubber and

Holdings boisted pre-tax profits in the half year to November 13 from £200,000 to £255,000. Turnover climbed from £1.92m to £2.34m. Up went net profits from £96,000 to £138,000 and earnings a share from 4.2p to 5.1p. The interim dividend rises too, from 1.75p to 1.92p. For the year to May 1 the board looks to much beeter pre-tax profits than the £363,000 for 1975-76. Included in results for the first time is the group's new United States subsidiary. Its performance so far has been

Quadrupli LAFCO t beat world trade gain

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By Richard Allen London American Corporation, the financia keting and commercial a group in which Midland has the controlling i pushed pre-tax profits £2.64m in the year to \$/

This compares with £ for the previous nine after a £1.1m bad debt sion. Turnover for the was £211m compared £112m in nine months. Pointing out that quadrupled turnover ar fits in the past four ye. Hugh Weeks, chairman yesterday: "We confide pect to beat the trend it/ trade in 1977."

Midland Bank bought per cent stake in the g. 1975. That was after Bank International, which held 40 per cent, has required by the United Federal Reserve Board duce its stake in LAFC(York-based export ma subsidiaries.

The group is also 40 E owned by Finance for It through its Industrial & mercial Finance Corp

The group specializes ! capital goods and equ particularly agricultura struction machinery vehicles. It undertake ness in more than 100

Of the £211m turney year, £81m related to Kingdom exports wit balance covering externs ness undertaken throug seas subsidiaries in Nev Toronto, Lausanne, Vien Hamburg. Since the ye a new export house ha established in Paris. In his statement, Sir says that the economic expected in the latter 1 1976 and in 1977 now se doubt, but LAFCO's s should be increasingly in times of financial suris

Warner Est abead Warner Estate Holding. out of the year to Sept 30 with pre-tax profi £724,000 against £887,00 the previous 18 months, annual £590,000. Turno the year was £4.61m ar £4.6m for the longer per Earnings a share on the comparison were in and the total divid 3.66p gross against 5p s 3.33p annualized). The co 3.33p annualized). The ball able results include Lar Holdings for 12 months 100 A

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MINING AND COPPER SMELTER PROJECT

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Participation in the international tender to be held shall be limited to manufacturers having headquarters in the interamerican Development Bank's member countries and/or in countries deemed as eligible by that financing agency. Interested surpliers are hereby invited to contact Caraba Metals S.A. Industria e Comercio through its consultant at the address below, until February 28th, 1977, to obtain additional information on the project and on the equipment to be bought and further to get acquainted with the requirements for suppliers' qualification.

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CONTRACTS AND TENDERS

GOVERNMENT OF MALAYSIA KUANTAN PORT, PAHANG TENDER NOTICE

CONTRACT FOR NAVIGATIONAL BUOYS OR TOWERS

The Government of Malaysia invites tenders for the supply and installation of navigational buoys or towers for the new port being constructed fifteen miles north of Kuantan in the State of Pahang.

In the State of Pahang.

The Government of Malaysia has received a loan from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) towards the foreign exchange cost of the project and it is intended that the proceeds of the loan shall be applied to the foreign currency payments made under the contract. Such payments by ADB will be made only upon approval by ADB of application presented by the Government of Malaysia in accordance with the terms and conditions of the loan agreement and will be subject in all respects to the terms and conditions of that agreement. It is a requirement of the sub contract that goods and services to be used for, or in counection with the sub contract shall be manufactured and/or produced from member countries of ADB and Luxemburg only.

The contract comprises the supply and installation of the

The contract comprises the supply and installation of the navigational aids at sea to mark the approaches to the

The supply and installation of these payigational aids is scheduled to be required during 1977.

Scope of contract—Alternative 1

The supply and installation of one tower and nine buovs Alternative II
The supply and installation of five

towers and three buoys
-Alternative III
The supply and installation of seven

Tender documents may be obtained not later than 4th February 1977 from the consulting engineers at the address given below on payment of a non-refundable deposit c. MS100.00 or DFL-105.00 in the form of a cash payment or crossed cheque in favour of Bish and Partners, sent under registered cover.

The closing date of tenders shall be Friday, 1st April 1977.

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Willon requests from interested firms for a set of tender documents should reach the address below not later than 7 February 1977. MDB Office, Department of Health and Social Security Room 838, 286 Euston Road, London NW1 3DN



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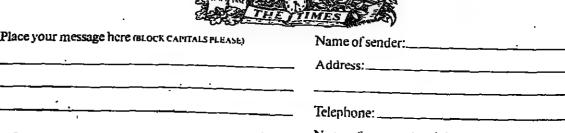
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Ahead of figures today

Sidlaw rose 3p to 68p, while statements lowered Denbyware

2p to 76p, AJ Mills 2p to 53p, and Gestetaer "A" 10p to 159p. Equity turnover on January 19

According to Exchange Tele-

graph, active stocks yesterday

were Rank, BP, Burmah, ICI,

Shell, Barclays, BAT Dfd and

Ind, RTZ. Trust Houses Forte, Reyrolle Parsons, Glaxo, Boots,

Bowater, Courtaulds, Tate & Lyle, Land Securities FMC, Anglia TV and Delta Metal.

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was also a feeling that Parsons. vestors stayed away equity market pending me of applications for

ed stocks, which d somewhat early in the one of slight disappointment, but the shares later railied to point up on the day. close unchanged at 270p, Lyons

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recover from early weakness. Long-term stocks also did well, particularly during the h small profit-taking afternoon. They started badly in the morning, but then came back later during trading to close up to ! of a point up during business hours. In afteris 5.3 up at 386.9. hours business, they gained said the interest was further ground to end the day of a point up. Medium-term stocks did similarly well.

Undated government stocks d hardened 1p to 691p also advanced, closing one sixteenth of a point up on the

day's trading.
Of the "blue chips", by far
the most outstanding performer was Fisons with a jump of 13p to 325p. Unilever, too, was in good form with a jump of 8p to 450p and there were useful rises from Glaxo 5p to 435p, Pilking-ton 5p to 310p, BAT 4p to 272p and ICI 3p to 360p.

This week's results continued

to give strength to Rank, men-

tioned here and up 9p to 175p. while others to rise were International Computers. 9p to 171p, EMI, 7p to 223, Reyrolle Parsons, 7p to 138p, the last named still pinaing its hopes on a merger of its turbo interests. Anglia continued to out-perform ime of applications for the television sector with a rise of 7p to 113p, but there was also firmness in Trident 36p.

Scottish TV 29p and ATV 29!p. In foods, the initial reaction to figures from Tate & Lyle was

Tindex reached its best Continued interest from both had a good session with a rise domestic and foreign buyers of 3p to 62p, Sainsbury conhelped the short-term stocks to tinued in its recent strong form recover from early weakness. and added 2p to 156p, while Kwik Save firmed 3p to 140p. In the oils sector, Burmah

rose 4p to 60p on news of United States backing for its tanker loans and the shares have added 8p this week on the more favourable developments. BP gained just 2p to 816p, but Shell, 6p to 488p, were a strong market as were Ranger Oil, better by 87p to £19 on com-

Spillers managed a gain of just ip. to 32ip, despite gossip of stock losses on meat and troubles at the Wellingborough jactory. Mr Michael Vernun, chuirman, said: "Losses at Wellinghorough were small and not unexpected, and our ment company, Meade-Lousdale, will make record profits this year. In meat, all depends on business from week to week."

In a thin market, Atlantic Shipping were marked up 35p to 285p on speculative demand. Hunting Gibson 146p and Runciman 108p both rose 4p. A denial of a hid immediately clipped 2p from FMC which closed at an unchanged 68p. Spear & Jackson added 2p to 121p on the profits estimate forming part of its bid defence. Wilmon Breeden was another Wilmot Breeden was another good market on talk that a stake was being built up and the shares closed 51p up, at

In engineers, the best were Hawker Siddeley 12p to 180p, Metal Box 6p to 276p, Tube Investments 6p to 334p, Staveley 6p to 177p and Simon 5p to 146p. Randon features included Lead Industries, better by 5p to 149p, and Meat Trade Suppliers 8p to 88p.

In the financial sector, there were 50 rises from Lloyds 2300. Midland, 290p, and Barclays 285p. National Westminster ended just 2p to the good at 237p, but there was interest in some of the merchant banks like Guinness Peat 10p to 165p, L. Joseph 5p to 125p, Arbuthnot Latham 5p to 120p and Hambros 14p to 170p. Union Discount firmed 10p to 350p after this. week's figures.

Latest dividends

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Company	Ord	Year	Pay	Year's	Prev
(and par value)	djv	agn	41te	total	year
Bullough (20p) Fin	2.87	2.87	-	5.01	4.56
Denbyware Int	2.11	2.11	1:3		5.41
A. & J. Gelfer (20p) Int	1.12	0.35*	12,4	_	0.71*
Gestelner Fin	1.78	1.65	-	3.53	3.21
Hallite Hidgs (50p)	1.92	1.75	11/3	-	5.2
Hollis Brox (25p)	1.05	0.93	28 3	_	3.6
Lan & Montrose (25p)	1.0	1.0	1:4		4.5
Marson, Thompson (25p)	0.68	0.63	34 3	_	1.51
A. J. Mills (25p) Fin	1.63	1.43	14 3	2.73	2.48
Port & Sund News	0.67	0.87	28 - 2	_	2.54
Tace (10p) Fin	Nil	11.4	_	Nil	0.8
Tate & Lyle (£1) Fin	3.7	3.6	4 '4	11.8	10.8
Tate & Lyle (£1) int	2.79	2.3	4:4	_	_
Warner Estate (25p)	1.18	0.69†	8/3	2.38	3.3†
Western Board (10p) Int	1.1	1.0	10/3	_	3

Dividends to this table are shown not of tax on pence per share. Else where in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the act dividend by 1.54. * Adjusted for scrip.

ENKA headway in slicing losses

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Though losses at Enka Glanz-stoff, expressed in millions of florins, continued to run into three figures last year, the group made substantial progress towards returning to profitability, writes Peter Norman from

properties were Land Securities up 8p to 152p, Haslemere 6p to 178p and Stock Conversion 5p to 183p. Insurances moved ahead, notably Royal 324p and Dr H. G. Zempelin, Enka's chief executive, said that the group in 1976 achieved a three-figure million guilder reduction in its deficit.

The final results of Akzo's multinational man-made fibre subsidiary will be released later this year at the same time as those of its parent company. However, Dr Zempelin was able to disclose that in cutting back losses from 1975's 500m florin level, the Enka group reduced its fixed cost burden in 1976 by 20m florins.

Therefore Enka's board is confident that it will be able to reduce losses still further in 1977 and meet its goal of returning the group to the black in 1978 at the latest.

If this is the case, it will be the result of a thorough-going rationabization and restructuring of the group, Dr Zempelin made it clear that Enka does not expect any signi-ficant improvement in the market for chemical fibres.

At present Enka is in the

process of exhausting internal possibilities for rationalization. s abandoning manufacture of those products which make and are likely to make heavy losses, and is switching output within specific product groups to profitable lines.

In the group as a whole here has been a significant switch in importance away from textile fibres and yarns to

Whereas textile fibres and yarns accounted for 62 per rent of turnover in 1970, their share of sales had fallen to only 46 per cent by last year. A further reduction in textile fibre business to 40 per cent of turnover by 1980 is planned.

For Enka the attractions of the industrial yard and non-

Overseas

fibre business are that this sector is less prone to cyclical fluctuations in demand. There is no serious international overcapacity problem on the pro-duction side, and there is no strong competition imports from low-wage develop-ing countries. But Enka does not intend to abandon the te-tile fibre and yarn business. intend to abandon the tex-

Ciba-Geigy makes up lost ground

Ciba-Geigy group sales rose 5 per cent in 1976 to 9,490m Swiss francs from 9.040m, it said in Basle. Though this chemicals and pharmaceuticals multinational did not give pro-fit figures, it said that last year's earnings "showed considerable improvement"

In 1975, group after-tax operating profits slumped to 191m francs from 473m. Though profits for 1976 were up, it did not reach that of 1974.

industrial yarns and non-fibre . The revival of the economic activities. cycle in the first six months of 1976, with sales rising 9 per cent, levelled off appreciably in

the second half, the group said. Earnings were still "greatly affected by persistently unfavourable currency-exchange rates." The upturn in profit was not only because of in-creased sales, but also because

Property venture still dogs Chase

at boosting efficiency".

Chase Manhattan Corporation, the holding company of Chase Manhattan Bank, blames the slow United States recovery for a 1976 profits drop. Net profits after securities transactions fell from \$173.7m to in property did not help either.

Non-accrual and reduced rate loans, though down from 1975 levels, also depressed net interest income. It went down \$65.1m from \$1,190m in 1975. Foreign exchange trading

profits were \$47.4m against \$45m, but investment securities transactions brought a net gain of \$11.3m in 1976, all in the fourth quarter. The year fourth quarter. The year before it made a gain of \$17.1m on securities transactions.

For the whole of 1976, net charge offs rose from \$251m to \$269m. The majority continues to be identified with domestic lending activities, totalling \$175.5m against \$224.3m. Of the total 1976 charge-offs, those property-related represented \$122m against \$103m.—Reuter.

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already promised a ent dividend increase in respect of 1976 rear & Jackson is now g a further 27 per ease in the payout to

iss next year. stest round of Spear's fend off the takeover Hestair, chairman Mr. Bartolome has written olders advising them ted for the increased

extent of next year's increase as it was conceivable that Hestair would increase its share exchange offer.

However, now that Hestair has made an authoritative statement to the City Panel on Takeovers and Mergers that the offer will not be improved he is able to make an exact forces. forecast.

Last night Mr Hargreaves commented: "All along the line we have said we have no intention of raising the bid and that is still the case."

atter Mr de Bartolome helped Hestair's shares rise 3p he has hitherto been to 83p and Spear's to harden be specific about the 2p to 121p.

Recovery at Hollis Bros is gathering pace

By Tony May Better trading in the timber division of Hollis Bros & E.S.A. powered pre-tax profits by 61

per cent to £1.1m in the six months to September 30. So they are already ahead of the £989,000 brought in over the whole of 1975.76. The question is how far the group can go towards equalling the record E3.25m brought in over 1973-74.

Turnover jumped from £15.72m to £19.9m. Shareholders are to receive a dividend of 1.62p gross against 1.47p. The board of this timber importer, Yesterday's developments sawmiller, flooring contractor, woodworking manufacturer and educational equipment maker, expects to pay the maximum for

The good results earned the shares a 1p rise to 44p yester-day, to make a 6p gain over the

Mr R. D. Guthrie, chairman, says that stocks are balanced to meet current and foreseeable trading requirements. Governthe education field, but Mr Gutbrie says that adequate measures have been taken by the group to meet the new conditions.

Export potential continues to develop and diversification continues. So the board looks for an outurn that will com-pare favourably with that for 1975-76.

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e transfer registers and registers of members will be from 5th February to 18th February 1977, both days re, and warrants will be posted from the Johannesburg "e, and warrants will be posted from the Johannesburg uted Kingdom offices of the transfer secretaries on it 10th March 1977. Registered shareholders paid from ited Kingdom will receive the United Kingdom y equivalent on 1st March 1977 of the rand value of ividends (less appropriate taxes). Any such sharemay however elect to be paid in South African y, provided that any such request is received at the of the company's transfer secretaries in Johannesburg to United Kingdom on or before 4th February 1977. e dividend is payable subject to conditions which can

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bject to final audit, the abridged consolidated income statement of Anglo American Gold Investment Company d and its subsidiary companies, for the year ended 31st December 1976 and the abridged consolidated balance at that date are as follows:

CONSOLIDATED INCOME	STATEME	NE	CONSOLIDATED BAL	ANCE SHEET
leat income	1976 R000's 46 930	1975 R000's 74 284	·Issued share capital	1976 R000's 21 952
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ecting and mineral rights enses	1 757	1 267		163 374
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wofit before taxation Virican normal taxation	45 399 34	74 68 6	value R612 839 000 (1975 : R774 550 000)	147 581
ster taxagion	45 365	74 680	Unlisted investments	340 12 836
57—(Interim) of 90 cents	19 757	24 147	Current assets	160 757
58—(Final) of 90 cents share	19 757	32 928	Debtors Cash on fixed deposit and at call	11 813 16 271
r to general reserves	39 514 5 500	57 075 17 000	Current liabilities	28 084
	45 014	74 075	Shareholders for dividend No. 58	19 757
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priated profit from us year	3 441	2 836	Net current assets	25 467 2 617
prizted profit, 31st ther, 1976	3 792	. 3441	Her CHildre Boses	163 374
	·		Equity earnings per share cents	206.7

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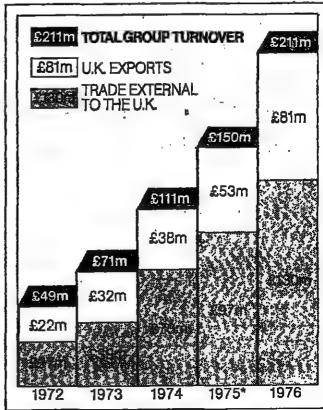
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Eurobond prices

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(midday indicators)

Commodities

A American mines avoid lack of labour

Thanks to its greater reliance on indigedous South African labour, gold mines in the Anglo American group have largely escaped the labour shortages that have hit production in the mines of the other mining houses in the December. mining houses in the December quarter.

COPPER.—Wite bars closed barely steady sets of surface and cathodes. Afternoon.—Cash wire bars. £225.00.21 a metric ion: three months. £258.50. Sales, 10.150 tons (mainly carrier). Cash cathodes. £813.50-14; three months. £247.50-48. Sales. 650 tons. Morning.—Cash wire bars. £225.50-10. Sales. 10.150 tons (mainly carrier). £247.50-48. Sales. 650 tons. Morning.—Cash wire bars. £250.50-27; three months. £261.50-60. Solid cathodes. £815-16.00; three months. £261.49-50. Settlement, £816.00. Sales. 750 tons (mainly carrier). £816.00. Sales. 750 tons (mainly carrier). Stilver closed barely sleady.—Bulles (mainly carrier). Stilver closed barely sleady.—Bulles (mainly carrier). Stilver closed barely sleady.—Bulles (mainly carrier). \$265.50 (1.47.7c); six months. £74.40 (p. 145.11). Three months. £74.50 (p. 145.11). Stilver months. £74.7c). Sales. 41 tols of 10.000 troy spaces. £65.50.50 (1.47.7c). Sales. \$277.50.50.7c); three months. £74.7c.05. Sales. 41 tols of 10.000 troy spaces. £65.40; even months. £77.7c.05. Sales. 79 tols. Tink.—Sandard (mainly £37.7c.07.60; three months. £77.7c.05. Sales. 855 tons (mainly carrier). High grade (24) £5.665—70. Sales. 855 tons (mainly carrier). High grade (24) £5.665—70. Sales. 855 tons (mainly carrier). High grade (24) £5.665—50; three months. £5.665—60. Settlement. £5.655. Sales. \$50 tons (about tons. three months. £5.60.00.00; three months. £5.60.00.00. Sales. 1.1000 tons. Morning.—Cash. £7.41.40.42; three months. £5.60.00.00; Sales. 1.000 tons. Morning.—Cash. £7.41.40.42; three months. £5.60.00.00. Sales. 1.000 tons. Morning.—Cash. £7.41.40.42; three months. £5.60.00.00. Sales. 1.000 tons. Morning.—Cash. £7.60.00. Settlement. £5.60.00.00. Sales. 1.000 tons. Morning.—Cash. £7.60.00. Settlement. £5.60.00.00. Sales. 1.000 tons. Morning.—Cash. £7.60.00.00. Settlement. £7.71.50.00.00. Settl Indeed, the milling rate at President Steyn was 37,000 tons higher than the September quarter at 748,000 tons as production at duction recovered from shortages of equipment earlier in the year and August's fire at No 4

However, this was more than offset by a 2 point decline in grade to 9.1 grams a ton and working profits slumped from R9.6m the previous quarter to R6.9m in December.

At President Brand, the focus of the new uranium metallurgical complex where capital spending rose nearly R4m to R10.6m in the December quarter, a small drop in milling and grade decline was largely compensated for by a fall in working costs to leave working profits only slightly lower at R14.7m.

Free State Geduid is still

benefiting from drawing higher grade oro from other areas of the mine and the resulting grade improvement has meant working profits usefully higher

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Plantium was at £91.03 *\$156.00 and 50 and at R21m. Meanwhile, it has been uranium that has set the pace in the quarterly results of the mines in the General Mining stable

With the improvement in recovery and the higher gold price, gold income rose R1.14m R5.8m but increased sales and output turned uranium from a loss of R194,000 in the September quarter to a R2.57m

Similarly, at West Rand Consolidated the improvement in recovery grade and stockpile sales took uranium income eightfold to R9.9m in December. Union Corporation gold mines have mirrored the labour short-are at Gold Fields of South Africa's mines though both Vintellines and St Helena supplemental their mine shortage le miling ore from surface rock

of both Grootviel and I crise lor or production has provided up working costs frought of the former this has been some than offset by a rise

in visid Working profits at Bracken slipped from R3.1m to R2.46m due to lose of production as a result of November's accident

Anglo Amen Gold Inv

The fall in gold is reflected in the drop in investment in-come from R74.2m to R46.9m for 1976 at Anglo American Gold Investment. After interest and underwriting commission group income was R48.79m against R77.5m. Pre-tax profits were £45.3m against £74.6m. Down goes the dividend from 260c to 180c.

Marst. Thomps'n well up so far

So far, it is a case of not too bad at Marston, Thompson and Evershed. After a 24 per cent jump in pre-tax profits to £2.76m in the year to March 31 last the brewer aimed for only a "modest increase" this year. But the first half to September 30 saw a 17 per cent pre-tax advance to £1.78m on a turnover up from £8.7m to £10.8m. Mr M. F. Hurdle, the new chairman, says that it is difficult to see the present rate of sales growth being maintained in the immediate future.

He refers to unemployment, dearer materials, and the fur-ther increase in excise duty. The dividend goes up from 0.95p to 1.04p gross, and earnings a share rose from 2.85p to 3.32p. The board says that the profits were struck before extraordinary items of £18,000 against £25,000.

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purchase, but said the purchase was the main reason why the gold content of the foreign reserves rose by R2.2m last week to R376.6m. The IMF plans to restitute 25m ounces of gold over four years to member-countries.—Reuter.

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Exchange Sterling and the dollar generally drifted lower in European currency trading yesterday, with both currencies influenced by short-term interest rate move-

Sterling closed at \$1.7150, down 40 points against the dollar. The pound's "depreciation rate", issued by the Bank of England, widened to 42.8 per cent from 42.7 overnight.

overnight.

The British central bank supported sterling at one stage as the United Kingdom currency was subject to a sudden early bout of profit-taking, dealers said.

The dollar's retreat in Europe was mainly associated with a decline in short-term Eurodollar Interest rates.

interest rates. The United States unit slipped to 2.4040/50 marks from 2.4080/90 overnight and traded at 4.9735/55 French francs, from 4.9815/25, and 2.5025/35 Swiss francs, from 2.5065/75 overnight. Gold closed at \$133.125 an oz,

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Discount market

The Bank of England gave massive help to relieve the credit shortage on Lombard Street, and took the opportunity to relatorice Wednesday's signal that the rate of decline in money rates should be moderated. However, this was still interpreted in the market as acquiescing in a half point out, to 131 per cent in today's minimum lending rate.

The huge shortage in the discount marker spenmed chiefly from applications that were very substantial indeed for the new long "tap stock," and from the repayments that discount houses had to make to the Bank of England in respect of a moderate sum borrowed the previous Thursday, and exceptionally large sum borrowed on Wednesday.

In addition, there was a very substantial excess of revenue receipts over Exchequer disbursements and a modest Treasury bill take-up. The only favourable items were quite large bank balances brought over from Wednesday and a modest reflux of notes.

To relieve this situation, the Bank of England split its programme of help into five forms. There was the repeat of the "moderation" signal for today's Treasury bill tender—the loan of a moderate sum to 10 or 11 houses for seven days at MLR.

Money was still tight at the close, with final balances taken anywhere between 14 per cent and been sizable "callers".

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New York, Jan 30.—President Jummy Carter's inauguration day was nothing to cheer about on Wall Street, as New York prices closed sharply and broadly lower on heavy volume.

The Dow Jones industrial average—which gained almost seven points Wednesday—was down 9.64 points today, closing at 959.03.

Declines outnumbered advances by about 910 to 520. Volume was 25,529.000 shares, compared with 27,125,000 vesterday.

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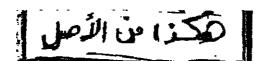
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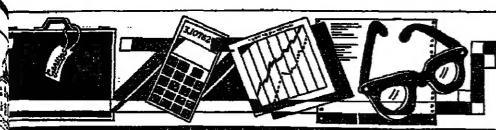
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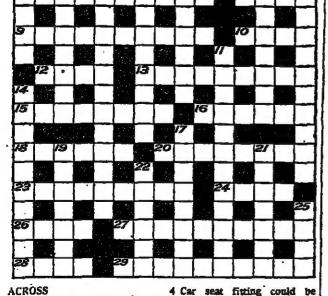
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